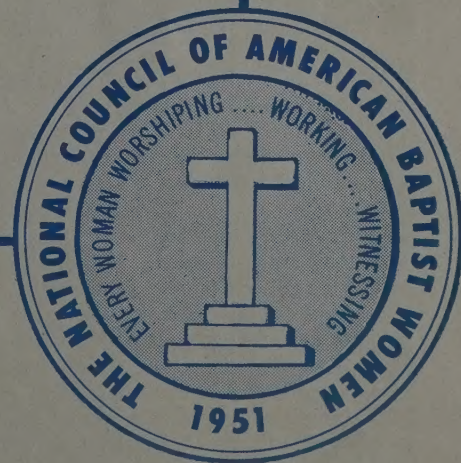


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OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

In a recent editorial in the *Baptist Leader*, Dr. Benjamin P. Browne, editor-in-chief of the Division of Christian Publications, reminds us that "growth is our business. Dynamic drive surges in Christ's command, 'Go out into the highways . . . compel them to come in . . . God's work requires bold and imaginative planning.'" This has been pointed up very clearly in two areas of concern within the denomination: lay leadership and ministerial leadership.

Lay Leadership

One of the characteristics of our denomination is faith in the power of the individual Christian person to be a priest. As Baptists we have been strong when our lay leadership has been strong and weak when we failed to capture the imagination and leadership of lay people.

As an outgrowth of a study on the need of leadership within the church, a program for lay development has emerged which will have the major emphasis of American Baptists during the years 1957-1959. This program is based on the idea that if we are to have strong Baptist churches we must have a strong lay group. If we are to have concerned lay people, they must know about what they are concerned. If the laity is to be a vital part of the church, it must be trained.

It will be the task of the pastor and lay leaders to spur the laity to more vigorous participation in all phases of the program of the church and denominational life. Preparation began in February (1957); the pastor and local committee will have a second training conference in April of this year. In the fall, workshops will be held in the churches for four weeks. Is your church ready?

The board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women voted at its annual meeting

in Seattle, Washington, June 14, 1956, to undergird this program in every way possible. It is our hope that through participation in this program we shall develop a larger sense of Christian vocation, a greater appreciation of the place of the laity in the Baptist movement and the heightening of the significance of our Baptist witness and world mission.

In a recent letter which our president, Mrs. Howard Roach, sent to the pastors of the American Baptist Convention concerning the Lay Development Program, she reminded them that we are deeply conscious of the great contribution our pastors make to the on-going program of our Convention by their untiring efforts as leaders in our churches and we are grateful. It is our hope that as we unite in our efforts in this important task there may come a new understanding of our responsibility and privilege of membership in the Church of Christ.

Ministerial Leadership

Mrs. Roach and I have the privilege of representing the National Council of American Baptist Women on the Commission of the Ministry of the American Baptist Convention. At a recent meeting in Chicago we discussed and made plans toward meeting our shortage in the "church vocations." This is one of the crucial problems in our Baptist work.

Since 1920 membership in the American Baptist Convention has increased by 27.07 per cent. During the same time, however, the number of churches and pastors has decreased by slightly over 25 per cent. According to a survey by Dr. Lynn Leavenworth, director of the Department of Theological Education, we had 615 young people studying for church vocations in our Baptist colleges and Student Centers of larger universities in the fall of 1956. This number has remained practically unchanged since 1951. It is estimated that we need twice as many entering each year.

This year California is at the top of the list having 55 students entering American Baptist seminaries. Pennsylvania is second with 29, and Illinois is third with 27. How many are preparing for "church vocations" in your state?

Mrs. Roach and I left the meeting with a feeling that the laity can carry its share of the load by presenting the challenge and the need and can strengthen its own witness to the end that capable youth will see and answer this challenge of life service.

To the Presidents

From: FRIEDA ROACH (Mrs. Howard L. Roach)
National President
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: Plainfield, Iowa



Greetings to the Presidents:

My warmest greetings to each of you at this Easter time! There are those of you who are new in your office since last I greeted the presidents through these columns. Some of you are entering into the responsibility of the leadership of a small society. Some have been chosen to lead large and well organized groups; others have moved out into the larger fields of service as presidents of association and state mission societies. Perhaps some of you are burdened with a sense of inadequacy and are wondering how to cope with the magnitude of the task before you. With the coming of the Easter season—with its promise of new life and strength—there is a word of encouragement for you, together with all those who will be rededicating themselves at the beginning of a new year of service in our mission societies. If God can bring the earth to life after wintry storms, if he can wake the sleeping seed with April warmth, can he not also perform a miracle in us, giving power where we feel inadequate and strength where we are weak? “. . . as thy days, so shall thy strength be” (Deut. 33:25).

APPROACH EACH DAY WITH BOLDNESS

There is a new concept of leadership which says that anyone who accepts responsibility in a group—whether large or small—is a leader. The ability to learn does not end with formal education. We can continue to learn if we will take advantage of the opportunities presented to us each day.

Recently there came to me this statement: “We should approach each day with boldness.” We are permitted to do this only as we place our hand in the hand of God and go forth confidently believing as Paul did that “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Phil. 4:13).

With such faith this can be for each one of us the most satisfying and fruitful year we have ever experienced.

PROGRAM PACKET, 1957-1958

The program theme is: “Living Water.”

The Scripture verse is John 4:10. “Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.”

The theme hymn for the year is “God Who Touchest Earth With Beauty.”

Mission study themes for the year: Foreign, “Japan”; home mission theme, “Christ, the Church and Race.”

A committee of Ohio Baptist women, under the leadership of Mrs. W. S. Sampson of Akron, Ohio, has prepared an excellent packet of programs. This packet, entitled “Living Water,” is now available at Baptist bookstores; price, seventy-five cents a copy. Also available at the bookstores are: stickers, 100 for 50 cents; program folders, 50 for \$1.00. Write to your nearest Baptist bookstore: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash. Cuts may be rented from the office of the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Rental charge for the sticker size is fifty cents; folder size, one dollar.

It is recommended that each society purchases at least one copy of the program packet, “Living Water.” Societies have found these packets most helpful in planning their programs for the year. Small societies and circles will also find useful the programs printed in *Missions* magazine each month.

REPORTS

When you received your *Record and Annual Report Book* you probably noticed that each report is printed in triplicate. The president is to send one copy to her association counterpart; place one copy in her workbook; leave the third copy in the *Record and Annual Report Book*. Directions appear on each page.

The schedule for sending annual reports is: local to association, April 15; association to state, April 22; state to national, April 30. We trust each leader will realize her responsibility for following the schedule.

Reporting can be fun as many have discovered. Perhaps you have thought of some technique to make it even more so.

When you filled out your report did you note improvement in accomplishment over last year? If so, you were happy. If not, have you been asking why not?

WOMAN'S DAY 1957

The day is Wednesday, May 29, and the place is Convention Hall, Philadelphia. It is hoped that many can come from each state in our Convention. Women from the eastern states—especially those who live in the vicinity of Philadelphia—will want to avail themselves of the opportunity of attending this important meeting.

The emphasis for the day will be on the Christian family.

9:45-11:45 A.M. Annual meeting with a business session. The speaker for the morning will be Mrs. Clarence Nelson, Washington, D. C., an author and specialist on Christian family life. Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Love Gift, a special presentation will be followed by the Love Gift offering.

12:00-2:15 P.M. Box lunch and conferences with officers and chairmen.

2:30-4:00 P.M. Program: "Living Is a Family Affair." The presentation will be in the form of dramatic sketches, written and directed by outstanding American Baptist women. A litany will follow, and the offering for Woman's Day will be taken. Concerning this afternoon's program, Mrs. Louise Massey, director of the presentation, makes this significant statement: "With God's help we'll not attempt to *put on* a pageant but try to share with the audience his presence in the life of a family."

4:00-4:45 P.M. Reception for the missionaries.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Fourth National Women's Conference will be held at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 13-20, 1957. At this conference the work of the Division of Christian Service will be highlighted. Leaders, distinguished in their fields of service, will participate in the program. Among them are Dr. James Rodney Branton, Professor of New Testament Interpretation, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, for Bible study; Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, associate executive secretary, Division of Christian Life and Work, National Council of Churches, will lead the forum hour; Mrs. Victor O. Wik, Des Moines, Iowa, will lead the vesper services. Among others having responsibility will be the Rev. Elizabeth T. Miller, Christian Friendliness missionary, Massachusetts; Mrs. Claybourne George, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. T. Lloyd Hendricks, New Castle, Indiana.

It would be very helpful to local societies—as well as to association and state societies—if the societies would send representatives to this conference. This suggestion is highly recommended.

It is hoped that many groups will invite individual women of other races to the conference. The fellowship and interchange of ideas could be a means of better understanding and could be mutually helpful.

YEARBOOKS

There will be an exhibit of outstanding yearbooks at the National Women's Conference. If your program committee has prepared an unusual or especially interesting yearbook, will you send a copy to your state President or to Miss Jennie Willis, 136 South 26th Street, Terre Haute, Ind., before July 1. For those who have a state exhibit, your copy should be sent to the person in charge of that exhibit in your state.

HISTORICAL DATA

Concern is being felt in regard to gathering valuable historical data for use when American Baptist women may wish to publish a book, recording the mission work of Baptist women throughout the years. There is no plan at present to compile such a history, since no funds for this purpose are available. However, the time may come when this may be accomplished.

Mrs. Walter O. Harvey, 19 Wellesley Road, Holyoke, Mass., has been authorized to receive and preserve all materials which the women may wish to submit and which may carry historical significance in the years to come. Such material refers to Baptist women's work prior to the organization of the National Council of American Baptist Women. It may include early records of missionary societies: national, state, association or local. If someone has material which is held too precious to part with, it would be helpful if she would advise Mrs. Harvey of its nature so that she could keep a record of such items for future reference. Minutes, pictures, letters, Baptist leaflets, recollections or even conversations which might be lost or destroyed in the course of time are requested.

NORTH AMERICAN WOMEN'S UNION

The Third Assembly of the North American Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance—Second Continental Assembly—will be held in Toronto, Canada, on November 5-7, 1957. This will be a time of fellowship with the women of all Baptist groups on this continent as well as with visitors from other lands.

A fine program of great inspiration is being prepared by those in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, president of the Union will preside. State, association and local mission societies are urged to send representatives. Reservations may be sent to Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Baylor Student Union, Waco, Texas. Enclose two dollars for reservation fee.

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

Theme: "Free Schools in a Free America." On May Fellowship Day, Friday, May 3, United Church Women call on church women to gather for fellowship and to relate the theme of the day to the school in their communities. As Christian women it is our responsibility to see that our nation's schools fulfill their heritage as free and voluntary institutions of learning.

LAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

You will want to become acquainted with every step in this program in your church and will want to encourage the women to become actively concerned in carrying it forward. Only as lay people in the churches undergird and support this program can it be successful.

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain; . . ." (John 15:16).

To the First Vice-Presidents

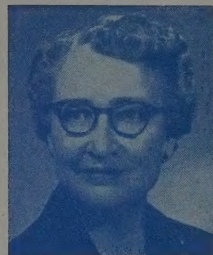
From: LETITIA CARROLL (Mrs. Frank R. Carroll)

National First Vice-President

Division of First Vice-President

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 212 Wilshire Boulevard, Dayton 9, Ohio



Greetings to the First Vice-Presidents:

Since my last visit with you, we have made quite an inroad into the year 1957. We have found it necessary to check certain dates in our engagement books for important meetings which we should attend, as well as birthdays and other anniversaries we want to remember. The year has brought new challenges to me, also a desire to perform former tasks more effectively. Continuous service and faithfulness to regular duties often require more real thought, effort and enthusiasm than something new, something in an entirely different field.

OLD CHALLENGES BECOME NEW

Some of us have been serving for one, two or three years as First Vice-President. We may feel there is nothing new to do, that the regular promotions are not needed. However, there are new First Vice-Presidents in many associations and in local societies to whom we must continue to give guidance and assistance. Our leadership through correspondence and conferences should be made increasingly meaningful to those to whom we are responsible because we have had these years of experience. That which is old to us may be new to them.

THE PROGRAM PACKET

A few of the facts concerning my responsibility—as First Vice-President of the National Council of American Baptist Women—to “supervise the arrangements and production of the Program Packet” may be of interest to you, since they are related directly to the work and responsibility of our division—particularly to the chairman of Program.

- Each year from one of the three areas of the American Baptist Convention—Eastern, Central and Western—we select a state to produce the packet. The women of Colorado, representing the Western area, were responsible for writing the programs and printing the 1956-57 Program Packet; the women of Ohio, representing the Central area, took full responsibility for producing the 1957-58 Program Packet. Now the women of West Virginia, located in the Eastern area, are at work preparing for us the Program Packet for 1958-59.

- The chairman of the Program Packet committee is selected by the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women, in cooperation with the state President. The women serving on the Program Packet committee are selected by the state.

They generally live in the same section of the state in order to make possible attendance at numerous, essential committee meetings.

- The women serving on this committee are responsible for the programs for “Circles and Small Societies,” appearing in each issue of *Missions*, as well as for the programs in the Program Packet. All programs are related to the theme which is chosen by the state committee and approved by the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

- The chairman of the Program Packet committee automatically becomes a member of the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women, and attends three meetings of the board.

- In order that our societies may have annual program packets, two packet committees are working prayerfully and faithfully each month in the year. The members of these committees covet the prayers of all American Baptist women for this important task. Will you share in the work of the committee in this way?

THEME FOR 1957-58

“Living Water” is the theme selected for 1957-58. The Scripture reference is found in John 4:10; the hymn for the year is “God Who Touchest Earth With Beauty.”

Already much enthusiasm has been expressed for the potential spiritual values which the study of this theme will provide. Let us hope and pray that all of our American Baptist women will be challenged anew to make Christ—who is the Living Water of Life—known to others in our home communities and on our home and foreign mission fields!

Encourage the use of the program packet—*Living Water*—as a guide for each local society in the American Baptist Convention.

ONE OFFICE FOR EACH WOMAN

According to statistics, the number of state First Vice-Presidents serving in this one office only—and not holding a chairmanship also—is showing a splendid increase. This, we feel, will not only bring more women into positions of leadership but will relieve an officer of additional duties and responsibilities.

It is suggested that the First Vice-President is needed to work on the house party committee with the chairman of House Party, as well as with the chairman of Program and her committee for the annual meeting

at the time of the state convention or the state Woman's Day, as the case may be. In this way the First Vice-President works *with* her chairmen as they fulfill their duties, but she does not have the complete responsibility in either instance. This suggestion is applicable to the work in the association also.

The First Vice-President should be—indeed she is—a very busy person. Let us continue to try to obtain a woman to serve in each area in our division in all associations and in all local societies!

REPORTS

It is our hope that the reports sent by the local societies to the associations will be more complete this year. As the reports come to me the state First Vice-Presidents so frequently say that they know the women have accomplished more than they have reported. This does not need to be so. If the questions asked are not adequate for you to report all you have done as a First Vice-President, include your additional activities in a personal letter to your association or state First Vice-President. If you think that there are other questions which should be included in the report book, be sure to indicate them in your letter. This information will reach me through the regular channels when the state First Vice-Presidents report to me. *You* can greatly assist us in making the report books adequate for the local women to report their work. Remember that the questions asked in the *Record and Annual Report Book* should conform to the goals for the First Vice-Presidents, as printed in *Goals*.

If your society does not meet as a board for the purpose of making out reports together, be sure to call a meeting of your division for this purpose. Time spent this way is time well spent, for you will automatically evaluate your year's work as you make out your reports and will come to a determination to work more effectively next year and will discover how this can be done. Also these small groups, interested in all areas of the division's responsibilities, can, by working together, become more creative and thus bring greater strength and achievement to their society: local, association or state.

Report dates are:

- Local to association, April 15;
- Association to state, April 22;
- State to national, April 30.

LAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

No doubt you are aware of the Lay Development Program, but you will hear much more about it as the year progresses. State leaders met at Green Lake last January for training. Soon they will go into the associations; in fact, some may have already visited your association.

The title given to this program, Lay Development, should stimulate in all of us a desire to participate in and promote the program in every way possible. If you are serving as an officer in your church, you know the need for training in this area and you will welcome the program.

EVANGELISM

As an officer of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, you will want to be alert to the American Baptist Jubilee Advance. This is a program in which other Baptist groups in America are cooperating during the years 1959-1964. Evangelism is to be the emphasis.

Watch for further information indicating how we may share in making the American Baptist Jubilee Advance an effective program.

YOU CAN BE A LEADER

If you do not own the book entitled *You Can Be a Leader*, I suggest that you purchase a copy of this book—helpful to all leaders—from your nearest Baptist bookstore: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash. Price, 50 cents.

CONFERENCE FOR FIRST VICE-PRESIDENTS

During the noon hour on Woman's Day, May 29, in Philadelphia, there will be conferences for leaders in all areas of our work. All First Vice-Presidents will go direct from the morning session to the conference room for First Vice-Presidents. Box lunches will be served there.

I hope to meet many of you in our conference room. Please bring with you copies of your letters to your counterparts, also any questions—in writing—which you have regarding our work. The agenda will include the following items:

- Prayer
- Announcements
- Introductions
- Registrations
- Division materials
- American Baptist materials
- Duties and opportunities of a local, association and state First Vice-President
- THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN
- Question-Answer Period

The agenda will, of course, be adjusted to meet problems which may arise out of our discussion.

AT THE CONVENTION BOOTH

The National Council of American Baptist Women's booth in the Exhibit Hall at the American Baptist Convention, in Philadelphia, will provide the opportunity for you to see what materials are available and to purchase whatever you need. The very attractive pin of the National Council of American Baptist Women will be on sale at the booth. If you do not own one, plan to purchase our pin at the booth on Woman's Day or during the Convention. Price, \$1.25 plus tax.

If you wish to talk with me personally and I am not on duty at the time you visit the booth, leave a note with the person in charge. Indicate the time when you can return to the booth and I will make every effort to keep the engagement.

"Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Col. 3:17).

To the Chairmen of Program

From: LOIS MAYES (Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes)

National Chairman of Program

Division of the First Vice-President

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 3860 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach 7, California



Greetings to Chairmen of Program:

Dear Friends:

As I write these lines, many of you are in the midst of winter storm and cold. But in my yard, poinsettias and pansies are blooming and the snapdragons are growing splendidly! Now don't be envious, for this is just to remind you that *spring* is just around the corner and that already you should be planning programs for the new year, beginning May 1.

Our new program theme, as you probably know, is "Living Water." This theme of great beauty is taken from John 4:10. "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him and he would have given thee living water."

Our theme hymn for the year is "God Who Touchest Earth With Beauty."

By the time this issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN reaches you, I hope you will have become familiar with the new program packet, "Living Water." If not, order a copy at once from your nearest Baptist bookstore: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash. Price, 75 cents. Every program committee will need to have at least two copies available for use during the year.

Are you wondering about the titles of the programs in the new packet? I am listing them for you.

1. Ever-flowing Streams. A program about our American Baptist Convention.
2. Swift Currents. Program about Japan.
3. Source of Living Water. A Christmas program.
4. A Cup of Cold Water. Home mission program on "Christ, the Church and Race."
5. Reservoirs of Love and Mercy. A program about our homes for the aged and our hospitals.
6. Charted Channels. An installation service.
7. Streams in the Desert. A foreign mission program.
8. Navigable Rivers. A program on Latin America.
9. Well-Springs of Life. A program on the use of the Bible.

The packet also contains a Love Gift dedication, a White Cross program, meditations, suggestions for a mother and daughter or family night program, and other helps. This packet is a *must* for program planning. If you do not have your packet, hurry to mail your order!

THANKS TO MRS. SAMPSON!

Mrs. W. S. Sampson, former chairman of Program in Ohio, and a committee of Ohio women carried the responsibility for writing, editing and publishing the new packet, "Living Water." We realize the days of careful and prayerful planning required for the preparation of this packet and we express to each member of the committee our deep appreciation.

BE WEATHER-WISE!

Again this year, a brief promotional skit has been prepared to use for encouraging the sale of our program packet. This year the skit is entitled, "Weather-Wise." It was written by Mrs. Ira N. Clover, of Ohio. We express our thanks to her!

"Weather-Wise" is brief. It requires only two characters and can very easily be presented in your association meetings, house parties or similar occasions. Mimeographed copies of "Weather-Wise" may be obtained by sending ten cents for each copy desired to me at my home address, 3860 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach 7, Calif.

Alert chairmen of Program will have copies of the program packet, "Living Water," available for sale immediately following the presentation of "Weather-Wise."

MISSION THEMES

The study themes chosen by the Joint Commission on Missionary Education for 1957-1958 are:

Foreign: "Japan"

Home: "Christ, the Church and Race"

Study materials related to these themes are listed in "Friends Through Books," a free leaflet available at all Baptist bookstores.

Program accessories related to these mission study themes are available at the Wright Studios, 5335 Ohmer Avenue, Indianapolis 19, Ind. Each year the Wright Studios sell attractive napkins, place mats, cut-outs with suggestions for favors, and other helps at very reasonable prices. Write to the Wright Studios for an order blank.

PUBLICATIONS FOR A STUDY OF JAPAN, 1957-1958

Voices from Japan—Christians Speak. The basic Baptist study book, written by missionaries and Japanese leaders, edited by Dr. Dorothy A. Stevens. Order from Baptist bookstores. \$1.00.

"Are Ye Able?" A free leaflet available at state convention offices. Stories of heroic people in Japan who answered, "We are able."

Map of Japan, showing American Baptist stations. Available at Baptist bookstores. Price, 40 cents.

Along Kingdom Highways. The story of our work in Japan and on other fields. Baptist bookstores. \$1.00.

Visiting the Baptists in Japan. Mimeographed travel log. Available May 15 at the Baptist bookstores, also from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Price, 25 cents.

Japan at the Mid-Century, American edition. By Dr. William Axling. A book about Japan by an authority! It contains some unforgettable experiences of the author since the turn of the century. Order from Baptist bookstores. Price, \$1.50.

Japan Place Mat. Attractive two-color place mats, Japanese design, in packets of 50 for \$1.00. Available only from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

All questions regarding these materials should be addressed to Miss Ada Stearns, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

VISUAL AIDS

Do you know that the Department of Visual Aids of the American Baptist Convention, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., has several new films and filmstrips which you will want to use in connection with the 1957 home mission study theme, "Christ, the Church and Race," and the foreign mission study theme, "Japan"? Make your selection early to avoid substitutions.

• *Garden of Service*. Photographed in Japan. This is the story of our Baptist world mission. The leading roles are played by persons each telling his own true life story. Namio Fuse, brought up to respect the ancient religions of Japan, is introduced to Christianity at the Waseda Christian Student Center in Tokyo. In the struggles of this young man to find God's will for his life is seen an evidence of the dawn of a new day in Japan. Color. 30 minutes. Rental, \$10.00.

• *Younger Brother*. Jiro and his older brother are farmers in Japan. When their father died Jiro took a job in a shipyard in Osaka. Injured in an accident he was befriended by a Christian and became so impressed with the life of the Christian's family that he considered becoming a Christian himself. Returning home to recuperate, he told his brother of his growing faith. Conflict arose between them. What happened makes "Younger Brother" appropriate as a foreign mission film. Black and white. 30 minutes. Rental, \$8.00.

• *Kimiko of Japan*. A happy story about the everyday experiences of a little Japanese girl. American boys and girls will see that Japanese boys and girls are like them in many ways. Color filmstrip with manuscript. Rental, \$2.50; sale, \$5.00.

• *From the Church at Nishio*. A story of the rural church in Japan. Authentic detail will provoke discussion of the problems of the Japanese church and its place in the pattern of world Christianity. Color filmstrip with manuscript. Rental, \$2.50; sale, \$5.00.

• *The Broken Mask*. A highly dramatic new film on race relations. This is the story of a Negro and a white boy who learn that regardless of color, each is a human being, and a story also of a church that faces the problem of integration. A timely film everyone should see. 30 minutes. Color print: Rental, \$12.00. Black and white print: Rental, \$8.00.

• *Crossroad at Cedarhurst*. This color filmstrip begins with a narrative about the opposition encountered by a Negro family who tries to move into a community of white people. Questions raised in the script regarding the problems of various neighbors who are "for" and "against" them should stimulate group discussion. Color filmstrip with manuscript. Rental, \$2.50. Sale, \$5.00.

Do you know that the 1957-1958 program packet, "Living Water," contains a brand-new edition of "Filmpac," the pamphlet which describes audio-visual aids suitable for use with the program packet. These audio-visual aids have been carefully selected to tie in with each program. Order your free copy of "Filmpac" from the Baptist Film Library nearest to you.

Do you know how to order audio-visual aids? Order all motion pictures and filmstrips from the Baptist Film Library nearest to your home. The libraries are located at: 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.; 19 South La Salle Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 2107 Woolsey Street, Berkeley 5, Calif. When ordering motion pictures and filmstrips follow these simple instructions:

- (1) Give catalog number and title of film.
- (2) Specify exact date on which materials are to be used.
- (3) Give correct name and address to which materials are to be sent.
- (4) List second and third choice in case the first choice is not available.
- (5) Order at least *four weeks in advance*, to assure availability of films on the date desired.
- (6) Do not regard a request as a reservation *until* you receive a confirmation.
- (7) Remember transportation charges—to and from the library—are to be paid by the user of the film.
- (8) Do not insure return shipments. Insurance is maintained on all materials in the libraries.
- (9) *Return Audio-Visual Aids immediately after showing.*

ANNIVERSARIES!

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the American Baptist Convention, the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of The American Baptist Home Mission Society and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Love Gift offering.

A dramatization in five episodes, depicting the history and activities of The American Baptist Home Mission Society is being written. Details in our next issue.

To the Chairmen of House Party

From: HELEN HUSSEY (Mrs. Wilmer Hussey)
National Chairman of House Party
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: North Vassalboro, Maine



Greetings! Chairmen of House Party:

Our dream, a reality! THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, published! Another milestone in the history of our Woman's work, reached!

TOGETHER WE ADVANCE

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN is *your* informative work paper, prepared for *you*, a leader in your society, local, association or state.

Did your local society subscribe for two copies: one, to be left intact for your society's file, and the other to be separated and distributed to the individual officer or chairmen? While each officer or chairman will have interest in the complete publication, she will have special interest in the page written for her.

Before long we shall be hearing about the *first* house party in the 1957 season. We eagerly await a report on each house party, that we may share—through our page in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN—the ideas, suggestions and helps which you will contribute from the events of your state house party. Let me hear from you concerning some of those helpful, work, worship and fellowship experiences. Perhaps no other state will have held its conferences in just the same way as you did. Share your ideas. THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN is your paper. It will be more helpful, meaningful and informative if you give it your participation and cooperation.

DID YOU KNOW

THAT the chairman of the House Party Committee needs the advice and assistance of the First Vice-President as plans are being made for the house party?

THAT the chairman of Program and her committee also need the advice of the First Vice-President for the program presented on Woman's Day at the state convention? This procedure is applicable to association and local work also. In this way the First Vice-President may work with her chairmen as they together carry their responsibilities.

Perhaps you already have been working this way in *your* state. If so, congratulations! If not, isn't this idea, suggested by Mrs. Frank Carroll, national First Vice-President, worth your consideration? When working together in this manner all work of the division of First Vice-President becomes unified through its chairmen as they promote their particular phase of the division's work.

THE HOUSE PARTY COMMITTEE

Without doubt, you, as chairman of the House Party, and the members of your committee have already been working on your plans diligently and for a long time, and have been realizing fully that a most important task has been committed to you. You realize, too, as suggested by Mrs. Howard Palmer and Mrs. Major Johnson, in "The House Party Story," that you are "custodians of a valuable block of time out of the lives of hundreds of busy women." Therefore through the program you are planning there will be given:

- Information and knowledge of the great work of our denomination.
- Training and learning how to use leadership ability.
- Opportunity for fellowship and the making of new friends.
- A new vision of life, with time and talents dedicated to the great world mission of our Lord and his church.

Is your house party committee at this time utilizing other women to carry responsibilities? Sub-committees are needed to handle such details as securing leaders, making arrangements for accommodations and meals, planning publicity, providing hospitality, caring for registrations and other details connected with the various parts of the program? There is great value in wide participation. Most women are more interested when they assume responsibility. The participation of larger groups of women not only makes for more efficient work, but results in a greater number of trained leaders.

Don't forget to make a member of your committee responsible for the preparation and distribution of *Information Sheets*. It is suggested that five mimeographed sheets be prepared, giving the following information:

1. The theme, Scripture, home and foreign mission study themes. Important dates for the ensuing year.
2. State Special Interest Missionaries—home and foreign.
3. State officers and chairmen.
4. Association Presidents.
5. National Council of American Baptist Women's officers and chairmen.

EVALUATION

Until an evaluation session has been held, no house party is completed. Therefore, have the committee remain at the house party for an extra session or meet elsewhere very shortly afterward. Very carefully analyze the positive and negative elements in your program. Did the committee accomplish what it set out to do? What phases of the program were excellent? Where were the weak spots? What could be corrected? What would bear repetition?

Why not prepare a questionnaire and distribute it at the house party? Ask questions similar to the above and make use of them as a basis for evaluation. Whatever the findings, pass them on to the house party committee for the coming year as a starting point for their work. In this way each committee gains by experience.

SPEAKERS

The policy regarding the assignment of speakers for the year 1957, adopted by the Administrative Committee of the Council on Missionary Cooperation follows:

1. One speaker may be assigned to each of the following types of meetings:

- Annual general associations
- Annual state laymen's retreat
- **Annual State Women's Meetings**
- Annual state pastors' conference
- B.Y.F. state convention
- **Annual Association Women's Meeting**
- Annual association men's meeting
- State Guild house party

2. Two speakers may be assigned to each state convention.

3. Two speakers may be assigned to each state women's house party.

IMPORTANT: Correspondence concerning assignments to women's meetings should be sent to the director of promotion in your state.

HOUSE PARTY SKITS

• "What Should You Don't Do?" By Audrey Lightbody.

• "Menu for Reading." By Mrs. Kenneth Cober.

• "The Light of the World." By Mrs. John Sparrowk.

• "Literature Promenade." By Mrs. Horace Moore.

These skits are available for your use if you will send your request to me at my home address: North Vassalboro, Maine. Please enclose with your order fifteen cents to cover the cost of handling.

• "Weatherwise." By Mrs. Ira M. Clover. This is the skit you will want for promotion of the 1957 Program Packet, "Living Water." Order from Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes, 3860 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach 7, Calif. Please enclose fifteen cents with your order to cover the cost of mailing.

LET'S REPORT

It's report book time! Your annual report is important! Through a study of the reports each society—local, association, state and national—may realize the growth of the contribution by American Baptist women toward Kingdom work.

PERSONALS—JUST FOR YOU

The National Council of American Baptist Women's PIN. Price, \$1.25, plus federal tax. Order from your nearest Baptist bookstore: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash.

Folders and stickers prepared to be used with the theme, "Living Water." Folder, 50 for \$1.00; stickers, 100 for 50 cents. Order from Baptist bookstore.

BOOKLETS

You Can Be a Leader. Price, 50 cents.

Leader's Guide. Price, 50 cents.

Goals. Price, 50 cents. Have you obtained your copy? Have you read pages thirteen through eighteen? These pages hold the key to the successful handling of the duties and responsibilities of the chairman of House Party. Order booklets from Baptist bookstore.

JUST TO REMIND YOU

June 7: Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Love Gift.

June-September: State house party time. Check with your association or state chairman for your exact state date.

July 13-20: National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin. A choice opportunity to learn, share, play, worship and make new friends. Place your reservation early! Send to Registrar, Green Lake.

WOMAN'S DAY

May 29, Philadelphia, Pa., the annual meeting, program, worship and conference session! What a high privilege is ours! The conference workshop for each officer and chairman will be held immediately following the annual meeting at Convention Hall. Box lunches may be purchased and eaten during the conference. I am hoping that each of you will be at our conference. I shall be looking for you. Come prepared with questions and suggestions, all of which are needed and appreciated. Let us make this another outstanding Woman's Day!

ANNIVERSARY GREATS: 1957

50th Anniversary, American Baptist Convention.

125th Anniversary, The American Baptist Home Mission Society.

250th Anniversary, the first American Baptist Association, Philadelphia.

You are an important spoke in a wheel that represents the work of the women in your local society and of which Jesus Christ is the hub. Only as each spoke fits into the center can the work of his kingdom here on earth continue to function.

To the Chairmen of Literature

From: JENNIE EULETTE (Mrs. Clayton D. Eulette)

National Chairman of Literature

Division of First Vice-President

National Council of American Baptist Women

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Greetings to All American Baptist Chairmen of Literature, Everywhere:

May this second issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN help to create among us a closer, more intimate relationship. May it give us a clearer understanding and a deeper appreciation of the great work in which we are uniting our efforts.

A PAST THAT HAS NO ENDING

One of our American Baptist colleges which is well into its second century of existence sent to the pastors of the American Baptist Convention a beautiful New Year's greeting. This greeting carried a quotation from the minutes of an early meeting, held by "the men who conceived the idea of the University, and took the first heroic steps toward its realization." These minutes read in part: "They bowed themselves in prayer, and in succession each one asked to be filled with the spirit of the enterprise. They earnestly sought Divine guidance and support. . . . They arose from their prayers and promises with clearer views than ever of the need, the importance and the practicability of the undertaking."

Because of their belief in the project, and their prayerful, heroic steps toward its realization, there is a long procession of students who for over one hundred years have had a vision of—and the incentive toward—devout, creative Christian living. Who can measure the vital Christian influence of the thousands of graduates from this university, who now make their homes in every State of the Union and in forty different foreign countries? And the procession still continues!

A FUTURE THAT IS JUST BEGINNING

You and I are having the privilege of sharing in the very first decade of an organization which is destined to exert a powerful and unending influence upon the lives of literally countless multitudes of people. We are helping to unite the interest, the prayers and the activities of American Baptist women in carrying on the American Baptist World Mission. In so doing, we are sending to the farthestmost parts of the world the influence of consecrated Christian women. For this purpose we are engaged in developing among our women ability in leadership, a definite concern for God's world, and skill in working together to further God's plans and purposes. *In all of this, our responsibility as chairmen of Literature forms a very important part.*

Those early pioneers in the founding of a Christian university bowed in prayer that they might be filled with the spirit of the enterprise. They arose with clearer views than ever of the need, the importance and the practicability of the undertaking. So let us often unite our hearts in prayer that we may see and realize the true meaning of *our* enterprise, the National Council of American Baptist Women. Only in this way may we be sure of the eternal value of what we are doing.

AN INSTITUTION OF LEARNING

We, too, are really helping to found an Institution of Learning. As chairmen of Literature we have on hand many of the textbooks and much of the research material that is necessary. The curriculum of study is based upon missions, Christian service, Christian training, the art of program planning and the science of successful house parties. The students are drawn from among all the women of the denomination, including the many business and professional women, and the Fellowship Guild.

WE FUNCTION AS CUSTODIANS

"Literature Highlights" is our listing of the reading and study material that is available. This literature is informing as well as inspirational. However, it will not inform or inspire unless it is read. An encyclopedia—standing upon a library shelf—may look very beautiful and may be filled with all sorts of accurate information on every conceivable subject but it is useless if no one ever consults its pages.

It is our task, as chairmen of Literature, to promote the reading of this wealth of material. First of all, we need to read or to acquaint ourselves with the contents of as many different pieces as possible. Have you done this? If so, were you not surprised to find yourself so absorbingly interested? Did you notice how closely some of the information tied in with important news items appearing in the daily press? Make a note of this connection, for it will be of help to you in other parts of the task.

The next thing we do is to call to the attention of each officer and chairman in our local, association or state society the books or leaflets that will be of the greatest help to her in carrying the responsibilities and duties which are hers. She has a right to expect this service from us, for it is part of the basic plan of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

The literature is listed under different division and subject headings in order to simplify this part of our task. After each officer or chairman has made her choice of what she wishes to use, you are the one to send in the order. It is hoped that the society will have in its budget an item that will make it possible for each person carrying special duties to be supplied with the necessary printed helps.

Have you thus consulted with the officers and chairmen?

Did you find that the work of the entire society benefited from the results of the conference?

I shall be glad to receive specific replies.

ANOTHER RESPONSIBILITY

In addition to this "advisory service" we must seek—by every possible means—to arouse in all the women of the church or society an interest in this array of reading material. If they once begin to read, they will find out for themselves just how fascinating it can be to them and to their young people. An outline of various types of presentation for large or small gatherings, group or circle meetings, association or state convention sessions, has now been prepared. It will be sent to the state chairmen of Literature so that they may pass it on to the association chairmen, and they in turn to the local chairman. If any of you do not wish to wait until it comes to you in this way, I shall be glad to send you a copy upon request to my home address in Chicago. There is no charge.

In addition, however, just presenting the literature in a way which would interest you—if you were in the audience—can be very effective. Ask yourself, "What would make *me* want to read this leaflet?"

WE SERVE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN TOO

American Baptist business and professional women will welcome having offered to them the opportunity for learning more about the world-wide work of their denomination. Since business and professional women cannot participate in the interesting programs and the fellowship of meetings held during the day, it is all the more necessary that our literature be brought to their attention by being presented at their meetings.

TWO IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS

When you read this it will not be many weeks before the annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention. As usual, the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women immediately precedes the opening session of the Convention. I hope many of you are planning to be in Philadelphia from May 29 to June 4. I shall be so happy to meet you there. If I do not already know you personally, chairmen of Literature, please introduce yourselves to me.

CONFERENCES

In addition to the impressive and inspiring program of the National Council of American Baptist Women's annual meeting, a very helpful feature of the day will be the conferences for the divisions held during the noon hour on May 29.

Come prepared to ask and to answer questions regarding the duties and the effective ways of working as chairmen of Literature.

NATIONAL COUNCIL'S BOOTH

In the Convention Exhibit Hall there will be a booth for the National Council of American Baptist Women. You will want to loiter beside this booth, talk with those in charge, and examine the many items in the helpful and interesting array of materials.

The chart of hourly responsibility will indicate the times when I shall be at the booth in person. Please look for me.

State chairmen of Literature who are willing to spend some time in assisting at the booth will please send names and Philadelphia addresses to me at my home in Chicago or to the chairman of the booth committee, Miss Jennie Willis, 136 South 26th Street, Terre Haute, Ind. Last year in Seattle we had very valuable assistance from a number of state chairmen of Literature.

ANOTHER NOTEWORTHY DATE

Traveling rapidly toward us by way of the calendar is the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, July 13 to 20. Every one of those seven days will be packed full with stimulating and helpful experiences. There will be:

Specialized workshops; discussion groups; inspiring worship services; thoughtful addresses.

Fellowship and recreation—a plentiful supply—and many unique features of interest.

The registration fee is \$7.50, and should be sent as soon as possible to Miss Frances Lamb, Registrar, American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

The Message of Easter

O Lord of Life,
Thy radiance pierced the gloom
Of that dark, man-made tomb
With the light of Heaven's day.
No rock-sealed grave could stay
Thee, for Thou art the Son of God. All power
Is Thine. Since that triumphant hour
Men face death with serenity
As but the doorway to Eternity
And Everlasting Life.

To the Vice-Presidents of Missions

From: **HARRIET BARKER** (Mrs. Marshall B. Barker)

National Vice-President of Missions

Division of Missions

National Council of American Baptist Women

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Greetings to All Vice-Presidents of Missions:

I am happy to greet you again in this our second issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. Wouldn't you like to do some of the talking? You may, you know! You may "answer back" by filling out your report and sending it to your association vice-president of Missions by April 15.

What is the use of reports? Does anyone read them? Someone asked me these questions the other day, and I could truthfully reply, "Yes, they are useful and they are read."

- Their use to the local vice-presidents of Missions is to remind them of the many ways in which they may promote missions in the church, to evaluate their work as vice-presidents of Missions, and to give recognition for work done.

- Their use to association vice-presidents is to show them which churches in their areas are doing a good job and which need special help or encouragement.

- Their use to state or national vice-presidents is to reveal where progress is being made, where we fail, and where greater emphasis might be placed.

Our report is the measuring stick to help us make our plans for a new year. Yes, reports are read and used!

Last year only 70 per cent of the societies sent in a report from the vice-president of Missions. You can help us make a better record this year.

GREEN LAKE MISSIONS CONFERENCE, AUGUST 10-17, 1957

The Annual Missions Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, is without doubt the very best means by which to gain information about the American Baptist World Mission. Each day there are scheduled a Bible study hour, home and foreign mission study, program on women's work, vesper hour, and outstanding evening speakers. During each day there is also the opportunity to become really acquainted—either at meals or during conversation periods—with missionaries and denominational leaders.

This year's vesper leader will be Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. Dr. Jacob Prins, of the Reformed Church, Department of Evangelism, will lead the Bible study. Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, of the Department of Evangelism of The American Baptist Home Mission Society, will be

the Sunday morning preacher. Other speakers will be Dr. William Decker, of the International Missionary Council; Dr. Oscar Lee, of the National Council of Churches; Rev. Martin Luther King, of Montgomery, Alabama; and Dr. and Mrs. V. E. Devadutt, formerly of Serampore College, India, and now of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

Consider prayerfully the possibility of attending and increasing your own value as a worker in the Kingdom.

Urge others to attend, also!

TREASURES FOR YOU

Have you discovered all the treasures *Missions* magazine holds for you? In addition to the very readable and timely articles—often on the current mission study themes—there are regular monthly departments to help you in your work as vice-president of Missions. Have you found all of the following sections?

"Women Over the Seas" and "Tidings from the Field" tell of Baptist women's share in missions.

"Partners in the Baptist World Mission" is full of ideas to use in your church to make missions interesting to every member.

"News from the World Missions" tells the news you need to know.

"Films" lists the newest audio-visual aids with description of new films, time and rental fee.

The National Council of American Baptist Women furnishes a monthly article vital to the work of your society.

These are just part of the monthly features in *Missions* magazine which can help you.

The subscription rates are \$2.00 a year for single subscriptions or \$1.50 a year for club rate. Address: *Missions* Magazine, 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY HISTORY BOOKS

Ministry to Turbulent America. By G. Pitt Beers. The 125th anniversary book of The American Baptist Home Mission Society. \$2.50.

Venture of Faith. By Robert G. Torbet. An account of the heroism, labors and achievements of American Baptist missionaries in other lands from the earliest beginning to the present day. \$6.00.

These books may be ordered from your nearest Baptist bookstore: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South

Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash.

AN INVITATION

Please meet me at luncheon in Philadelphia on May 29, at the conference for vice-presidents of Missions.

THANK GOD FOR MONEY

Thank God for what money can do in the right hands and in the right places.

Vice-presidents of Missions, whose duty it is to promote giving to both the Unified Budget of the American Baptist Convention and to the annual missionary offerings, will rejoice at the reports of giving in 1956.

Offering	Goal	1956	1955
World Fellowship	\$400,000	\$449,308	\$447,000
America for Christ	350,000	369,250	309,000
Total Giving	\$8,000,000	\$8,739,958	\$8,482,000

To suggest what these figures mean in terms of help to mankind—when the money is spent by our mission boards—let me mention a few appropriations voted at recent meetings: money for reprinting theological textbooks and the Telugu Bible Commentary in South India; for a primary school in Kikongo, Africa; for a new missionary's language study; for three Bible women's evangelistic program in Shweli Valley, Burma; for equipment for Emmanuel Hospital, Roxas City, Philippines; a loan for a new church building at Mediania Alta, Loiza, Puerto Rico; the operating expenses of the Ouzinkie branch of the Kodiak Children's Home, Ouzinkie, Alaska; rent of a house in Shimpovy for program work of the Second Mesa church in Arizona. And so, I could go on and on. Doesn't the mere sound of the names thrill your imagination, too?

But this is only part of the story! Many other needs are not yet met. Dr. Dana Albaugh, director of the Overseas department, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, says, "The opportunities challenge the imagination." The following are some projects which await further help from American Baptists:

SPANISH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY

The Spanish American Seminary, in Los Angeles, is the only evangelical Spanish-speaking seminary in the United States. The 102 Spanish-speaking Baptist churches in Latin America countries look to this school for pastors and Christian education workers. The school is not new. It was established in 1921 by The American Baptist Home Mission Society. The student body has increased 300 per cent in the last three years; therefore, additional buildings are needed. Class rooms, and auditorium and women's dormitory are planned, requiring \$200,000.

Your attention has already been called—by The American Baptist Home Mission Society—to this need of the Spanish American Seminary. This project for specific gifts has had clearance by the General Council of the American Baptist Convention. Gifts may be sent

to Expansion Campaign, Spanish American Baptist Seminary, 512 South Indiana Street, Los Angeles 63.

BANGKOK CHRISTIAN CENTER, THAILAND

In 1952, the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Capen, former missionaries to China, initiated work among the 500,000 Chinese living in Bangkok. A Chinese Baptist church of approximately 350 members has been in existence independently for many years. Bangkok offers an excellent opportunity for the establishment of a Christian center with a strong evangelistic witness to strengthen the existing churches. There would be home services, a reading room and a health program. In October 1956, a suitable property was finally located. Louise Giffin, Allison Osborn and Seater-Margaret Drever are located there.

HUNGARIAN AND WORLD RELIEF

The needs of the Hungarian refugees are well known. There are about 20,000 Baptists in Hungary. The Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee is serving in Hungary and is also serving the refugees in this country.

AND OTHERS

There are many less publicized people in the world who also need relief. Edna Smith, our missionary in Hong Kong writes, "I wish we could do something for the little refugee or beggar children whom we see on the streets. Our Father has given us such a beautiful world and enough food for all. Why must some children suffer and be hungry while others have too much?"

These, and many more, vitally important projects are regularly supported by your gifts to the Unified Budget, either designated or undesignated.

ANNUITY QUIZ

• *How can your money serve you and Christian work at the same time?*

Answer: Through an annuity!

• *What is an annuity?*

Answer: An annuity is a legal agreement to pay an investor a regular income—as long as he lives—in consideration of a sum invested at a rate based on his age at the beginning of the contract.

• *Who is eligible?*

Answer: Anyone desiring a sound investment who can deposit one hundred dollars or more in cash or securities. Annuities are available for oneself or for a loved one.

• *Why invest in an annuity?*

Answer: An annuity is safe. It insures one against loss of principal. Its value does not change. Your money works for Christ while you live.

• *Where does one secure an annuity?*

Answer: Write to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, 152 Madison Ave, New York 16, N. Y., The American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., or The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, 79 West 45th Street, New York 36, N. Y., for further information.

To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

From: DOROTHY ELLIS (Mrs. Thomas E. Ellis)

National Chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education
Division of Missions

National Council of American Baptist Women

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Dear Friends:

Again we stand on the threshold of spring, the return of which is most welcome after the long visit of Old Man Winter. During the recent cold, icy months in New England when the thermometer was below zero, I took the most wonderful trip—in my imagination—to the tropical countries of Southeast Asia. Many of you sailed the brilliant blue waters with me to the lands of rice and pagodas. There we met charming people who welcomed us most graciously. Wasn't it exciting?

I was greatly inspired by the beauty of each country, the mountains and valleys, the home life of the Christian people, and the opportunity to chat with our missionaries as they labored in various areas of service.

Back to San Francisco I flew; and looked out across this great land we call America the beautiful. I was much impressed with the magnitude of our work in our fascinating cities and in the far-flung rural areas.

Everywhere I traveled I found the same needs. In this privileged land of ours there is a challenge as we find the beams that must be removed from our own eyes. The persecution that is being endured by an interracial group of Christians at Koinonia Farms, Americus, Georgia, should concern us greatly. Their buildings are being dynamited, destroying all their refrigeration and supplies; their houses and barns are set on fire and their property fired upon. Those who help in any way are harrassed and compelled to cease their effort. Such lawlessness seems unbelievable.

Our prayers and moral support are needed by this group, meeting all their tragedy with a Christian spirit and exemplifying the teaching of Christ by turning the other cheek and bearing witness for him in that community.

"THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN"

Many of you have written expressing your pleasure with *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* and its fund of information. The officers and chairmen appreciated hearing from you. We are eager to make this publication as meaningful to you as possible. And it is my hope that each state and association chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education will endeavor to promote interest in this new publication until every local chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Educa-

tion has a copy of her page on missionary and stewardship education. When our women all grasp the opportunities for service, our work will take on new and greater meaning.

REPORTS

Have you received your *Annual Record and Report Book*? Now is the time to gather your information and to check the accomplishments of the past year. It is amazing, isn't it, how much you have achieved? Why not compare it with the previous year's report and note the progress and resolve to strengthen, in 1957, the weak places. As chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education, why not set up some additional goals for the coming year, emphasizing them at each meeting of your society?

Reports are due in April. It is extremely important that full cooperation by us all shall be given to submitting our reports on time, in order not to work an unnecessary hardship in the final completion of these reports. It is imperative that reports shall be ready for the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women in Philadelphia, May 29. Please adhere to the following schedule: Local to association, not later than April 15; association to state, not later than April 22; state to national, not later than April 30.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Plans for the Missions Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, are nearing completion. I urge you, if possible, to attend. The dates are August 10-17. The Minnesota women are in charge of the Women's Hour and they have planned the most stimulating and interesting program. The Rev. William J. Keech, director of the Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education, will lead—on two afternoons—a conference on missionary and stewardship education. The two new study themes will be presented: "Christ, the Church and Race," led by the Rev. Paul Madsen, secretary of the Department of Cities of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies; and "Japan," led by Mrs. Charles H. Sears, secretary for Japan, the Philippines and Hong Kong for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.

Important to us all, too, is the opportunity afforded by this conference to meet some of our missionaries.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE

Speaking of next year's study themes—chosen several years ago by the Joint Commission on Missionary Education—it seems that no more timely or pertinent subjects could have been chosen than “Japan” and “Christ, the Church and Race.”

Dr. Charles Iglehart, the author of our study book on Japan, knows and loves the Japanese people. For many years he was a missionary engaged in church and educational work in Japan. He became familiar with both rural and urban areas of that country. His book, *Cross and Crisis in Japan*, introduces us to the people of that land, their strength, their weaknesses and their problems. Price, \$1.25.

Our own Dr. William Axling has written *Japan at the Mid-Century*, which makes these people and their country very real. Price, \$1.50.

The basic Baptist study book, *Voices from Japan—Christians Speak*, written by missionaries and Japanese leaders, is edited by Dr. Dorothy A. Stevens. Price, \$1.00.

A travelog, entitled *Visiting the Baptists in Japan*, will be available on May 15. Price, 25 cents.

A map of Japan, showing our American Baptist stations, is available. Price, 40 cents.

“Fun and Festival from Japan” will give sparkle to your meeting, with its festival suggestions, recipes, poems, games and stories. Price, 50 cents.

Songs from the Land of Dawn, by Toyohiko Kagawa and other Japanese poets, is a collection of poems of great beauty that you will not want to miss. Price, \$1.50.

For the home mission study theme, there are also excellent books.

The Kingdom Beyond Caste, by Liston Pope, Dean of Yale University Divinity School, and Gilbert L. Stark, Professor of Social Ethics, is the study book. Price, \$1.25.

Progress Against Prejudice, by Robert Root, Associate Professor and head of religious journalism in the School of Journalism at Syracuse University, is an interesting survey of what churches are doing about the race problems. Price, \$1.25.

“Sense and Nonsense About Race,” that fascinating booklet by Dr. Ethel J. Alpenfels, is being revised for this study on “Christ, The Church and Race.” Price, 50 cents.

All of these items may be ordered from your nearest Baptist bookstore: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash.

WRIGHT STUDIO ACCESSORIES

You will be delighted with the new accessories, produced by the Wright Studios, 5335 Ohmer Avenue, Indianapolis 19, Indiana.

Write to your state chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education for an order blank for these accessories for your special programs on the home and foreign mission study themes.

WORLD LITERACY PACKET

We, as Baptists, share in the work of the World Literacy Committee. This important work is carried on throughout the world and we are aware of the light that is being brought to those in darkness: the darkness of illiteracy.

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to be unable to read? A very fine program is available in which *you* will be taught to read a strange alphabet. *You* will learn by actual experience how an illiterate adult feels when he learns to read.

A leader's packet, containing a worship service folder, large charts, and an instruction sheet, plus materials for three talks, can be obtained by sending thirty-five cents to the Committee on World Literacy, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

The following filmstrips and moving pictures in color are available for sale or rental at the office of the Committee on World Literacy:

Filmstrips	Sale Price	Rental Price
Thailand Finds the Way	\$6.00	\$2.50
Literacy Comes to New Guinea	\$6.00	\$2.50
Literacy Unlocking the Bible	\$7.25	\$2.50
Literacy Opening Blind Eyes	\$7.25	\$2.50
The Story of Anand		\$2.50
Africa Goes to School		\$2.50

Moving Pictures. Each One Teach One, 16 mm., color, 20 minutes \$10.00.

Be sure to order well in advance of the date needed.

DISTRIBUTION OF LEAFLETS

Our two tools “Friends Through Books” and “Missionary and Stewardship Education at a Glance” will be sent to all state chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education for Women to distribute this year. These leaflets will be sent *also* to the general association chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education for distribution. The materials will be sent from the Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education direct to the state chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education for Women.

WOMAN'S DAY

Of course our thoughts are turning toward Philadelphia and the American Baptist Convention in May. On Woman's Day, May 29, we are asking all chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education to sit together at the morning session in the place designated. We shall then go to the conference room assigned. A box lunch will be served, affording time for getting acquainted. Conferences will follow.

I am looking forward to meeting many state, association and local chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education during our conference.

At the booth of the National Council of American Baptist Women there will be an appointment book, which will make it possible for us to arrange to meet one another for special conferences.

To the Chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters

From: PAULINE MAUL (Mrs. Paul T. Maul)
National Chairman of Speakers and Interpreters
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: R. R. 2, Pendleton, Indiana



Dear Chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters:

Greetings to you all! My thanks to you who have written to me concerning our page in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN! It is a great inspiration to hear from you and to know that you, too, are proud of our new publication. It has indeed been a satisfaction to learn that the subscription list for Volume One passed the six-thousand mark as the first issue was ready for mailing. In fact, I am told that between the mailing of the first and the second issues an additional five hundred subscriptions were received, bringing the total subscriptions for our publication to sixty-five hundred. Think of the number of leaders with whom we are chatting through THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN!

During the past few months I have been collecting notes on matters which I thought would be helpful and interesting to you. While some of this material may be familiar to you, nevertheless each year there are new chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters and, therefore, we must at times repeat information.

YOU ARE THE WAY

Through Speakers and Interpreters the mission boards make their most direct approach to the people of our churches. Is that not an important thought? Therefore we, chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters, must see that the Speakers and Interpreters *are used*.

PACKETS

Packets sent to Speakers and Interpreters include letters from missionaries. These letters are very interesting and should be widely used. You as chairman of Speakers and Interpreters may think of many ways to make use of these letters. They could be read in circle meetings, and excerpts printed in your church bulletins. Let us *by use of* such letters put as many as possible in direct contact with the missionary on the field!

TIME SAVER

Time will be saved by addressing your inquiries for information concerning Speakers and Interpreters—their names, addresses, topics, and so forth—to your association chairman of Speakers and Interpreters or to your state chairman of Speakers and Interpreters, rather than to me. I have a register of state chairmen only; therefore, I, too, would have to send to your state or association chairman to obtain the information you desire.

A BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

You will want a copy of the 1957 edition of *A Book of Remembrance*. It is different! It is beautiful! It is the special anniversary edition! *A Book of Remembrance* holds a wealth of information regarding missions and missionaries. It is also a daily reading program by which you can profit throughout the entire year.

LOOK AHEAD—PLAN NOW

The American Baptist Convention, state house parties and national conferences are just ahead. A little planning can make our summer interesting, informative, and enjoyable. Plan to attend as many of the following events and programs as you can during the coming weeks and months.

American Baptist Convention. Our national convention will be held in historic Philadelphia, May 29-June 4. It will hold events of unusual interest, due to the celebration of several anniversaries.

Woman's Day begins at 9:45 A.M. on May 29, in Convention Hall in Philadelphia.

- Wonderful plans are in the making!
- Annual Meeting
- Election of Officers
- Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Love Gift
- Address on "The Christian Family"
- Conferences for each division of work in the National Council of American Baptist Women
- Dramatic presentation on "Living Is a Family Affair"
- Reception for our missionaries

Speakers and Interpreters Breakfast, June 1. Have you ever attended a Speakers and Interpreters Breakfast at the Convention? At this time you may meet Speakers, Interpreters, missionaries, national officers and national secretaries. Please share the following information:

SPEAKERS AND INTERPRETERS BREAKFAST

Saturday—June 1, 1957

Sylvania Hotel

Time: 7:15 A.M.

Price, \$2.30

Badges for speakers and interpreters will be available during the Convention at the following booths:

1. National Council of American Baptist Women
2. American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies
3. The American Baptist Home Mission Societies

It is hoped that each Speaker and Interpreter will obtain and wear her badge throughout the Convention.

National Women's Conference. Have you attended the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin? This year I shall go for the first time! Indeed, I am looking forward to this opportunity with great anticipation. At the National Women's Conference, I expect to find fellowship and inspiration and to gain interpretation and training. I am sure that my cup will run over! I shall hope to meet you there. The date is July 13-20.

Missions Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, August 10-17, holds special interest for Speakers and Interpreters. Come with your family and hear the good speakers and meet many of our own missionaries. You will have a wonderful time!

PRESENTING SPEAKERS AND INTERPRETERS

Speakers and Interpreters should be introduced at association meetings. This gives opportunity for them to be known by the women of the member churches. It would be well to allow each Speaker and each Interpreter approximately one minute to announce her topics and to offer services to the churches.

INTRODUCTIONS

Proper introductions take thought. Recently I heard a speaker introduced so carelessly that no one knew who she was or the subject of her speech. Gracious introductions are a courtesy we owe to our speakers.

The introduction should not be too long or too "flowery" and should include the speaker's name, official position, background, something personal if desired, and the subject of the speech. Each detail should be accurate. Nothing is more embarrassing than to be introduced as someone you are not, from somewhere you have not been, with a title you have never held in an organization of which you are not a member.

OUR PIN

Not long ago while traveling on a bus in a city other than my own, I noticed a small, round blue and white pin worn by a woman across the aisle. Yes, you've guessed right. It was the pin of the National Council of American Baptist Women! The woman across the aisle realized I was looking at her pin. We smiled. Turning down my coat collar I let her see that I, too, was wearing the National Council of American Baptist Women's pin. And so we were introduced one to the other! We had a pleasant chat before she left the bus. I rode on to my destination happy over the incident.

Do you know about our pin? One can be proud of it. Designed with a gold cross on blue background, it carries around its edge, in gold letters on white background, the name of our organization—The National

Council of American Baptist Women—and the year the Council was organized—1951.

It is a lovely pin, and not expensive! Order from your nearest Baptist bookstore: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash. Price, \$1.25, plus federal tax.

STANDING OUR FULL HEIGHT

The assuming of greater responsibility enlarges our vision, increases our stature and extends our horizons. As we become more interested, we become more interesting. The better we understand the part, the greater will be our grasp of the whole, and thus we find ourselves better able to do our part in the service to which we have dedicated ourselves.

We chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters are part of the Division of Missions. Therefore, we should be interested and well informed—as well as active—in the total program of the division. For an example of a field in which we may all work, refer to page 14—written by Mrs. Marshall B. Barker, vice-president of Missions—Winter Issue, 1956-1957, *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. Mrs. Barker tells of the advantages of investing in the Annuity Plan offered by the boards of our American Baptist Convention. Mrs. Barker writes more on this subject in this current issue on page 12. In order that we chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters may promote the Annuity Plan among those who have money to invest, let us become familiar with the details regarding this plan!

ENLISTMENT OF SPEAKERS AND INTERPRETERS

To clarify some misunderstanding regarding the enlistment of Speakers and Interpreters, the following statements are made:

1. Speakers and Interpreters are a part of the association organization.

2. Enlistment of Speakers and Interpreters is the responsibility of the association chairman of Speakers and Interpreters who will need and welcome suggestions of, and advice by, the local society chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters.

3. Enlistment of Speakers and Interpreters by the local society is *not* encouraged, since this would result in recruiting more workers than could be utilized profitably.

4. Association Speakers and Interpreters may be used both within and beyond the limits of the association. Those who are willing to accept opportunities anywhere within the state may do so.

5. Local chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters should promote the use of the association's Speakers and Interpreters. They should be on the alert for possible opportunities for Speakers and Interpreters.

As chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters let us always remember that our purpose is to create love and stimulate concern for American Baptist mission work in all the world.

To the Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries

From: PEARL SMITH (Mrs. Russell Smith)
National Chairman of Special Interest Missionaries
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 421 West Main Street, Lebanon, Indiana



Greetings! Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries:

Thank you for taking time to write me about our new publication, *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. Remember, I shall appreciate receiving any suggestions that may come to your mind concerning our page.

Thank you, too, for your notes and greetings at the Christmas season.

IT'S REPORTING TIME

We hope you will mail your report to your counterpart on the requested date. Reports are a measuring rod and should help you in your work. As you file the copy of your report, make notes for future planning. Think of ways by which you can do a better job, and *begin at once*. Let's not be "putter-offers"! Let's be "do-it-nowers"!

ADULT CLASSES

Was each adult class in your church provided with the opportunity to have a Special Interest Missionary for a month of prayer last year? If the materials you planned to use—posters, mimeographed sheets of information, pen sketches—were not made available to them, resolve now to do a better job next year.

CHURCH BULLETIN

Did you help your minister indicate on his calendar the Special's birthday and address for inclusion in the church bulletin in sufficient time for mailing birthday cards? If not, consider this suggestion for next year.

You may discover other weak spots on your reports. Consider how they may be strengthened. Perhaps you will be able to interest someone to help you with the important responsibilities you carry as chairman of Special Interest Missionaries.

WHAT WOMEN (AND MEN) ARE DOING ABOUT SPECIALS

A HAITIAN PASTOR made the following suggestion: "When serving refreshments to a group, put the name of a Special on paper fastened to a toothpick and place in the sandwich or cake. The birthday may be included, also special prayer needs."

CONNECTICUT WOMEN reported that they "conducted a worship service for their Specials."

NEW YORK WOMEN made a display map for state convention use, which could be used for association and

local groups also. Pen sketches of the Specials formed a border around the map. Silver stars marked the respective fields of service. Ribbons led from the field of service to the proper pen sketch. Beneath each pen sketch was the name of the association to which the Special was assigned.

MINNESOTA lists their Specials in the state bulletin, showing birthdays, addresses, and any particular news items. A copy of the Minnesota state bulletin is mailed to the Specials.

HOW OUR WOMEN ARE HELPING

MRS. FAITH BAILEY, chairman of Publicity in New York, reports on how New York women are helping:

"Some women have a way with a daffodil in a vase, oregano in the spaghetti sauce, sequins on a house apron. From time to time we want to tell you the story of some women who use their flair for creating in the Lord's work.

"A dramatic skit entitled 'Refit Fund' was being presented on September 11, 1956 at 8:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall, First Church, Bath, New York. Surprisingly enough, Fellowship Hall at that hour looked as if it hadn't been cleaned in six months. Scattered around the room were brooms, typewriter ribbons, table silver, stethoscopes and soap. However, the chairman of the program for the evening wasn't worrying in the least.

"Five women at the front of the room were pulling pillows, dish towels and writing paper from crates. These five women—representing five missionaries—explained all this seeming confusion as they unpacked. On the stage was practically everything a missionary must take as she returns to the field.

"A missionary is given a 'refit fund' to buy the supplies she needs. Until recently, each association collected the money necessary to refit its own special interest missionaries. Now the fund is statewide and it is the responsibility of the local society and the association to contribute to the fund."

MRS. WARREN ADAMS, who wrote this skit said, "Refit fund" had always sounded dry as dust to our women. But as the play progressed, one after another felt more and more like a missionary, planning what to buy for five years, budgeting the items to keep within the two hundred and fifty dollars allotted to single missionaries, and then packing all of these things for her future needs."

MRS. PAUL McLAREN, vice-president of Missions in New York, commented, "With more women awakened to the meaning of *refit fund*, more contributions will reach the treasurer."

PLANNING TO ATTEND A HOUSE PARTY?

House party time will soon be upon us, and we, chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries, will be responsible for:

- Spreading information about the house party.
- Attending the house party.
- Asking helpful questions.
- Taking notes for future use.
- Sharing information.

It will be helpful to the state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries if association and local chairmen will send questions to her before the house party.

There will be missionaries at the house party. Ask them for a conference time. Make notes of ways in which you might enjoy being of help to them. Include in your notes—to share with your friends at home—the value of daily prayer for these special friends.

ANY RETIRED MISSIONARIES IN YOUR AREA?

MASSACHUSETTS has eleven retired missionaries who are always kept in mind. One year they were invited to the house party as hostesses for the banquet tables. Each missionary brought an item of special interest from her field of service as table decoration, and some made individual favors. As each one was presented, she told her name and her field and stated her length of service. To each missionary an orchid was given.

Each association in Massachusetts is assigned the name of a retired missionary as a Special. For association banquets, the retired missionary is the guest of the association and is presented with a corsage; at state gatherings, the state is the hostess to these missionaries. Books, flowers, candy and other gifts find their way to these honored women.

ARE YOU ON THE STATE CONVENTION PROGRAM?

If your state takes turns in promoting various divisions, when your turn comes perhaps you would like to make use of some of the ideas of the Massachusetts women. Under the title "What About Our Specials" they had a skit showing their home and foreign Specials receiving a gift from the state. This group takes a White Gift offering for their Specials and sends gifts direct from the state.

On another program the question and answer method was used in presenting the leaflet "Specialties for Our Specials" with emphasis on "Time Now" for Christmas: how to send packages; how to send money; and other pertinent information.

SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

Do you know a teen-ager who is taking Spanish? Grace Hatler works with girls in the Santa Ana School,

El Salvador, C. A. She and her girls have published a very attractively illustrated booklet in Spanish. This booklet could make a useful and unusual gift. Send a check for two dollars to Mrs. Hatler and the booklet will be rushed to you. It will make a nice surprise for some lucky youngster.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 29

**Woman's Day
in Philadelphia**

An excellent program is being planned! All leaders are being asked to sit in the section designated for their division, in order to save time for the conferences to follow the morning session.

July 13-20

**National Women's Conference
Green Lake, Wisconsin
Send your reservation at once!**

Inspiration, information, meeting new and old friends, relaxation . . . all this awaits you at Green Lake. Bring your ideas and questions to the division meetings being held each afternoon, where we meet informally and come to know one another better.

August 10-17

**Missions Conference
Green Lake, Wisconsin**

This is an ideal opportunity to get better acquainted with some of our missionaries. Refer to pages 13 and 15.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED

HOW a missionary feels as she leaves her homeland? Vivian R. Genre, Tokyo, Japan, is quoted in "The Growing Edge" of which the Rev. Dean R. Kirkwood is editor, as follows:

"Leaving San Francisco harbor was an experience I shall never, never forget as long as I live. It is a strange feeling to be leaving everything that you have ever known, leaving for five years to go to a place about which you know from experience absolutely nothing. The moon was full. We stood on deck and watched—each with her own thoughts I guess—making some half-hearted joke, but mostly standing and watching and thinking. And then Nisimura-San, one of the Japanese passengers began to sing in his beautiful tenor voice—not a popular American song, but hymns—dear, familiar hymns which took on new meaning of faith and confidence in God as they were sung in that new setting. We all sang together, and as we sang—over and over the verse came to me: "Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee; be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness," with its firm assurance of God's guidance. As long as we could see lights we stayed out, and then went in and talked for a long time over coffee—on the pretense of getting acquainted but actually because none of us was eager to be alone on this 'first night out.'"

May God bless and comfort new missionaries as they leave their homeland to serve. Let us be faithful in our prayer life that they may be strong in faith.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Service

From: RUTH MCKINNEY (Mrs. Wade McKinney)
National Vice-President of Christian Service
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 3410 East 137th Street, Cleveland, Ohio



Good morning, my friends and counterparts:

It is good to have a chance to visit in your homes again and to share some of our thoughts regarding our division. The very cordial reception which we received on our first visit was sincerely appreciated by the officers and chairmen of the National Council of American Baptist Women. We look forward to each visit.

The year 1957 is far advanced and is becoming an old, rather than a new year, and much work has been accomplished, I hope. As the days pass, I am wishing for each of you the joy which comes from much service and a consciousness that in all your undertakings there is the guiding hand of our heavenly Father. I am wishing, also, that you may have the willing cooperation of all who labor with you.

Have you had one meeting—at least—with your chairmen this year, and have you charted the course to be taken *together*. Always remember that a division works best when it works as a whole, rather than when the chairmen work alone.

Never forget that you, as vice-president of Christian Service in state, association or local society, are responsible for the success of the work of each of your three chairmen. Keep in constant touch with them. Be ready with suggestions or help to meet their needs.

LOVE GIFT

Your Love Gift for 1956 has been reported. We are hoping—and believing—that the goal is not only reached but surpassed. This we shall learn at the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women in Philadelphia, May 29.

Let us not slow down, waiting until the results are known, but continue to work with our chairmen of Love Gifts, seeing that Love Gift boxes are opened and reported regularly, that the 1957 Love Gift report will exceed that of 1956!

WHITE CROSS

When your White Cross quotas have been filled—and your women ask for more work—have you offered suggestions in the manual *Inasmuch*? *Inasmuch* contains patterns for making many useful and interesting articles, which may be sent overseas or used in local centers. *Inasmuch* is available at your nearest Baptist bookstore: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash.

One group of women decided to make layettes for two of the Christian community centers sponsored by our American Baptist Home Mission Societies. They invited the directors of these centers to their house party in June. After displaying the attractive and beautiful handwork, this group presented a large number of layettes, children's dresses and play clothes and many washable, stuffed toys to these directors for distribution at their centers. This gift filled one of their great needs and the directors were very grateful.

Many calls come for good, clean used clothing. You might like to try this continuing method of gathering clothing, which was sent to me recently. The women of one society placed in the vestibule of their church a large barrel—decorated that it might not be unsightly. A sign invited all who came to worship to bring their used clothing and deposit in the barrel. A committee of the Woman's Society sorted and packed the contents each week. Eager to make a contribution to the needs of less fortunate people, a surprising quantity of clothing was brought to this barrel by the members of the church. With this continuing method of gathering clothing by a number of our women's societies, Mather's Sales House would never have empty shelves.

Another suggestion was made concerning Mather. One society felt that it would be especially fine if *new* articles of clothing were also included in the boxes sent to Mather. A little girl's dress may often be made from a surplus piece of material left from the fashioning of another garment. It costs nothing, except a little time and work. It would give some child an extra dress and rare happiness.

REPORTS

Reports are important! It is of the utmost importance that all reports reach their respective destinations without delay. If a final report of our accomplishment is to be completed for presentation at the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women, in Philadelphia, May 29, we must all adhere without fail to the following schedule:

1. Reports from the local society vice-president of Christian Service must be sent to the association vice-president of Christian Service not later than April 15.
2. Reports from the association vice-presidents of Christian Service must be sent to the state vice-president of Christian Service not later than April 22.
3. Reports from the state vice-presidents of Christian Service must be sent to the national vice-president of

Christian service not later than April 30, if her report is to be ready for the annual meeting.

It would be too bad if a report of a good job done throughout the year were not included in the national record because the information did not arrive in time. Of course, the actual accomplishment of the task is of greatest importance, but other societies like to know what your society, association and state have done.

MATERIALS

Many have asked about the playlet "Unto Me," which was available a year ago. I am glad to tell you that "Unto Me" is now ready for distribution as a part of the "Curtain Time Series." It may be ordered from your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, 25 cents.

You may like to present "Unto Me" at your coming House Party.

TALENT SCOUT

Have you among the women of your societies one with the ability, interest and the knowledge of our work, who would write a dramatic sketch—or special service that could be used to promote the work of our division or any of its chairmen? It must, of course, be very worth while and easily adaptable for use in the local society.

COMING EVENTS

Our division has two outstanding events toward which we look forward with pleasure.

At the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women on Woman's Day, Philadelphia, May 29, an unusual presentation of "Love Gift" through the twenty-five years of its existence will be presented. We hope that it will be possible for you, shortly after Woman's Day, to reproduce this program in your own societies, association or state.

At the National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 13-20, the work of the Division of Christian Service will be highlighted. A stimulating program will be presented by outstanding leaders, during this conference which has for its theme: "In Action for Christ."

We are very hopeful that there will be a large attendance of leaders in the division of Christian Service at both Woman's Day and the National Women's Conference. Especially are we urging that you bring to the conference women of other races and nationalities. Will you, as vice-president of Christian Service, give serious consideration to this suggestion and try to have at least one woman of a different race or nationality present from every state.

REFUGEES

For some time we have been hearing much about the resettlement of refugees. A call was sent out just before Christmas concerning those who would be ad-

mitted to the United States by December 31. Some of you responded readily and gave Assurances for several families. Then came the crisis in Hungary and thousands of homeless, despairing people were brought here by our government. Many organizations, as well as church groups, have been interested in finding homes and employment for these who have suffered so much—physically and mentally. Our interest must continue until all these strangers within our gates are more happily situated.

There is also in our midst another kind of "new-comer," of whom many of us are unaware. From one part of our country to the other, there is a constant stream of American citizens, seeking better living conditions as they move from place to place. They, too, flee from a kind of tyranny and oppression. They are coming into the large industrial cities in surprisingly large numbers. One city discovered that between nine and twelve hundred such "new-comers" arrive each month. In another city the number reached three thousand in one month.

With these people who come in large numbers from rural communities and small towns—with no knowledge of urban life—other serious problems also come. There is need for proper housing—already an acute problem. Health and employment are very real problems. The need is one that calls for the concern, the understanding, yes the love, of Christian people. And who can better help in this situation than Christian women?

If you live in an industrial community, find out what the situation is. See what can be done to make these "new-comers"—who have fled from their homes because of oppression within our own country—feel more at home. Can you help to find homes so that two and three families will not have to crowd into two or three rooms? Can you help in finding employment for them? This is surely an opportunity for *living* Christian Social Relations.

SHARING

You may have ideas that would help others, if they could be passed on. I eagerly await any such ideas and suggestions. If you have problems please feel free to write to me about them. What would you like to see on these pages of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*? What questions have you in mind that you would like answered in our division meeting on May 29 at the Annual meeting? What discussions would be most beneficial to you for our workshop in Green Lake, July 13-20? It will be helpful to me if I may have your thinking regarding these matters. It is in sharing experiences and planning together to solve problems that our work can become more efficient. May I hope for your ideas very soon, as well as any dramatic scripts on the work of our division.

I am hoping to see many of you in Philadelphia and at Green Lake. Until then, God bless and keep you every one.

To the Chairmen of the Love Gift

From: RUTH WAGER (Mrs. Lester P. Wager)
National Chairman of the Love Gift
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 189 Aberdeen Street, Rochester 11, New York



Happy Anniversary, Chairmen of the Love Gift!

The 25th Anniversary of our Love Gift will occur this year! It was on June 7, 1932, that the Committee of Conference, then directing our Women's work, voted to raise \$150,000 through the use of gift boxes. This was part of a denominational effort to raise \$500,000 to overcome a deficit of that amount in our budget, due to a year of economic depression. The special campaign of the denomination was not continued. However, the women experienced such joy and blessing in contributing their many gifts of love that in the following years they decided to continue their gifts in the boxes to assist our mission program. In 1941, when the program theme was "Love," the boxes became known as "Love Gift Boxes" and since that time the offering has been called the "Love Gift."

A Silver Anniversary calls for special observance and special gifts! Our *national* observance will take place on Woman's Day, May 29, at the Philadelphia Convention. It is most fortunate that Woman's Day, May 29, is so close to the actual anniversary date, June 7. After the presentation in Philadelphia, the special recognition program will be available for the use of all societies. Plan now to hold your 25th Anniversary observance with special Love Gifts in all your state, association and local meetings and house parties, following the Convention.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE EMPHASIZED

Another important event! The work of our Division of Christian Service will be emphasized at our National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 13-20. All vice-presidents and chairmen of our division are especially invited to attend. The outstanding leaders include Dr. James R. Branton, of the Colgate Rochester Divinity School, for Bible study; Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, of the National Council of Churches, forum leader; and Mrs. Victor O. Wik, of Iowa, for vesper services. Other program features will include a panel discussion on Christian Social Relations, a novel presentation of White Cross and Love Gift, and daily conferences with national leaders.

Come to Green Lake to learn at first hand about new materials and ideas for our work. It will be a high point in your life as a Baptist woman and will renew your spiritual life.

LET'S EXCHANGE LOVE GIFT IDEAS!

How do the women in other states promote the Love Gift? Please tell us about your successful plans so

that others may benefit from your ideas. The following items have come to me during the past year from state chairmen of Love Gift. You also have good ideas and fine Love Gift material. Send your ideas to me and we shall print the best suggestions in future editions of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.

A PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Mrs. JOSEPH BURNETT, chairman of Love Gift for New Jersey, writes: "Each Monday morning between 8:30 and 9:00 o'clock as we carry our individual tasks, my chairmen of Love Gift and I are praying specifically for our Love Gift and the work it does for our Baptist World Mission. I am certain that this has helped us and is strengthening the work for which we pray. Women at prayer as they do woman's work within the home are accomplishing miracles for missions."

Mrs. JOHN SPARROWK of Northern California urges her chairmen to pray: "that our women may have a growing concern for the world mission outreach of our Convention; that the missionaries who put our gifts into action may be especially blessed; that our gifts of love help us to grow spiritually."

Mrs. CLYDE GILMAN, state chairman of the Love Gift in Oregon, suggests that prayer request cards for special interest missionaries and other specific mission work be sent out with the Love Gift boxes. The prayer cards should be changed regularly.

Prayer is the keynote for all Love Gifts. They are prompted by prayer, offered with prayer, dedicated and sent forth through prayer. Let us all join with the New Jersey chairmen in their fellowship of prayer *each Monday morning* for one-half hour, beginning when our clocks indicate it is 8:30 o'clock.

CONSTANT PROMOTION, CONTINUOUS WORK IN CALIFORNIA

Women in every state are inquiring, "How do the women of Southern California give such large Love Gifts year after year?" Mrs. LOUIS MAXO, the state chairman, reveals some of their methods: "It takes much, much hard continuous work. Without constant promotion we cannot show a yearly increase. As we spend time in promoting the Love Gift and informing the women about the needs, the Lord definitely gives the increase. We have only 172 churches and many of them are very small. Some are brand-new, with heavy building debts to meet. We have no wealth among our women. The money comes either from the daily

pennies and dimes put in gift boxes or from sacrificial offerings from aged women on pensions and young women with families who give monthly. All of this is accomplished by constant promotion in the churches; the use of messages on receipt cards acknowledging the monthly gifts; personal letters from the state and association chairmen; talks on the Love Gift at association and church society meetings."

Mrs. Mayo keeps a complete record of the monthly gifts from each of the 172 churches and 11 associations. She personally acknowledges each monthly gift with a receipt card carrying a word of promotion. She is constantly speaking on Love Gift at association and local meetings. Southern California reported a Love Gift of \$74,444 for 1956!

MONTHLY OPENINGS AND PERSONAL CALLS IN MAINE

Mrs. RAY HIGGINS, chairman of the Love Gift for Maine, distributed a questionnaire to obtain the opinion of her association chairmen in regard to the monthly opening of the Love Gift boxes. She was delighted with some of the replies. Miss JUNE MORTIMER, of Androscoggin, Maine, wrote: "I heartily endorse your idea of receiving the Love Gifts monthly and I am trying the plan in our own society. Previously the boxes were opened quarterly or bi-monthly; now we are trying monthly offerings. We ordered a supply of Love Gift boxes from our state office, enabling us to place one box in each willing hand. Within six months our offerings have exceeded the total for the past year! With the boxes constantly before us, we make daily gifts." A similar reply came from Mrs. EVA ROGERS, of Oxford, Maine: "This year," reported Mrs. Rogers, "we opened our Love Gift boxes every month and received the *same amount each month* that we had previously received *quarterly*. This new plan has definitely increased our giving."

"Another church," according to Mrs. Higgins, "tried monthly openings and was happily surprised with its success. It is a church of only 114 members but the women gave a Love Gift of \$417. Their experience with monthly openings is a shining example to the rest of the state. The number of churches having monthly openings is increasing."

One local chairman of Love Gift in Maine in explaining why her Love Gift report was late following the monthly meeting indicated that she calls personally upon the members who are absent, knowing that they desire to have their Love Gift boxes started on their way around the world to help in the work of God's Kingdom.

GOALS IN KANSAS

Mrs. CHRIS FAIR, chairman of Love Gift in Kansas, answers the following question: Why should we have goals when the gift is a gift of love?

"In 1932, the Love Gift was originated to meet a deficit. Hence, there was a goal. Today, we have goals because there continues to be a great need.

"In all phases of life we set goals. High goals stretch us into doing our best. Low goals offer no challenge. I remember—from childhood—the expression, 'Hitch your wagon to a star.' How I used to wonder how I could hitch a wagon to the evening star and go wheeling through the sky! No goal is too high when we remember God's eternal goodness to us."

WHY LOVE GIFTS ARE UNDESIGNATED

In some states the question has been asked, "Why must Love Gifts be undesignated?" Mr. STEPHEN GONDARD, auditor of the American Baptist Convention, replies:

"We should know just what the objectives of the Love Gift offerings are. From the very beginning American Baptist women decided that they wanted their Love Gifts to be devoted to the support of our *whole* missionary program. According to the statement in the Love Gift checkbook supplied to each local chairman, 'these Love Gifts are for the work supported by the World Mission Budget of our Convention. Information concerning this work is found in *A Book of Remembrance*. A Love Gift is an over and above undesignated gift.'

"The Love Gift offerings of the women are a very welcome part in supporting our Baptist World Mission. If it had not been for these offerings, we would not have been able to meet our budget goals in 1953-54 and in the critical eight months of 1955.

"Of course, any donor, according to good Baptist principles, has the right to designate her gift in any way that she sees fit. Why, then have our women decided that such designations may not be accepted under the Love Gift program? The principle is that underlying the Unified Budget. Each year delegates from your church and all other American Baptist churches decide at the annual convention what the financial goal for the following year shall be and how these funds shall be divided among all the organizations supported by our Baptist World Missions. Through your delegates your church shares in the responsibility of saying how much each organization shall receive. The proposed goal is divided into shares and each church has its share in the Baptist World Mission through its Unified Budget. Yet every organization and piece of work in our Baptist mission could use much more than its share in the budget. Trying to give separately to each organization would be almost impossible, but in unity there is strength. By use of Love Gift offerings as *over and above, undesignated gifts*, we have enabled our *whole* program to be expanded to win more for Christ in America and around the world."

OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD

During this 25th Anniversary year let us constantly express our gratitude to God, for the love and devotion of Baptist women who have offered their Love Gifts through twenty-five silver years; for the enlargement of our Baptist mission work made possible by our gifts of love; for the privilege of contributing to the ongoing work of God's Kingdom.

To the Chairmen of White Cross

From: PAULINE BROWNELL (Mrs. A. T. Brownell)

National Chairman of White Cross

Division of Christian Service

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 125 South Webster Avenue, Jacksonville, Illinois



Greetings! Chairmen of White Cross:

"All the Women Whose Hearts Were Moved with Ability"

"All the women whose hearts were moved with ability spun the goats' hair." As I read those words again in Exodus 35:26 in the Revised Standard Version, I thought of all the American Baptist women who have been doing White Cross work because their hearts were moved with the ability God gave to them. In the thirty-fifth chapter of Exodus, we find the women, along with the men, had answered the plea of Moses to "Take from among you an offering to the Lord; whoever is of a generous heart. . . . And let every able man among you come and make all that the Lord has commanded: . . . So they came, both men and women; all who were of a willing heart. . . . And all the women who had ability spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun in blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen; all the women whose hearts were moved with ability spun the goats' hair. . . . All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work which the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done, brought it as their freewill offering to the Lord."

Through White Cross, women are showing their hearts have been moved with compassion and they are using their talents and abilities, and they are making a freewill offering to the Lord.

GOALS

In the booklet *Goals* on page 31, for the chairmen of White Cross, the fifth goal is to "notify my association chairman of White Cross immediately if my church cannot fill its White Cross quota." That is to make certain that no group has been assigned more than it can do; also to assure each missionary and group that they may expect to receive their requisition in full.

As soon as you have received your quota, read it carefully, ascertain the approximate cost of filling that quota, then discuss it with the vice-president of Christian Service, and any other person to whom you are responsible in your local group. If you feel the quota is more than your church can fill within the time allotted, report to your association chairman of White Cross what you can do. She may know a church that is asking for more work. On the other hand, you may find your church able to do more than requested. In

that case, follow the instructions given in goal number nine: "Write to my association chairman of White Cross if the women of my church desire to do additional White Cross work after our quota is filled."

CONVENTION TIME

During the American Baptist Convention, in Philadelphia, May 29 to June 4, we hope you will visit the White Cross booth in the Exhibit Hall. This booth will be directly opposite the National Council of American Baptist Women's booth and next to the World Relief booth. We are indebted to the women of the Philadelphia area who are preparing the display and who will be in attendance in the booth to give whatever assistance they can. If any of you wish to have a personal talk with me, an appointment book at the booth will show when you may find me there.

STATE AND ASSOCIATION HOUSE PARTIES

I trust each chairman of White Cross is availing herself of the wonderful opportunities afforded through house parties for women. There is no better way to keep up-to-date on all phases of our work than through participation in gatherings of like-minded women, sharing ideas and studying ways to improve our methods of work.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

This year at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, the work of our division will be highlighted: that is, special emphasis will be placed upon work we do in the Division of Christian Service.

Why not send in your registration without delay for the National Women's Conference, July 13-20? Attending a conference on our beautiful Assembly grounds is always an unforgettable experience as we sense in that "closer walk with God" what he would have us do to serve our fellowmen more fully in his name.

OVERLAND WHITE CROSS

Incredible as it may seem, some of our Baptist women have been making the same errors over a period of thirty-two years! Yes, you have guessed where we fail. We do not follow shipping directions for White Cross.

A quotation from a recent letter from Mrs. Milo Wenger, secretary, Department of Special Services,

American Baptist Home Mission Societies, states: "We need to say over and over, please, please do not send Overland White Cross to New York; send direct to the missionary. This applies to the United States, Alaska and Puerto Rico—all of the places where we ask for White Cross supplies for home missions."

Perhaps the following instructions taken from a leaflet on White Cross—printed in 1925 and still effective—will help us as we prepare our White Cross packages for shipment: "Ship direct to the missionary. *Do not send packages to headquarters.* Be sure to enclose a card with name and address of sender. If the package is sent by an organization, include name and address of president or secretary as well as the name of the church, so that the missionary will be able to acknowledge the package. Also write the name and address of sender on the outside of the package."

Read *every* word on your White Cross—Overland—quota. *Please send direct to the fields* is printed very clearly on the quota.

CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN AT KODIAK

When we receive a quota we should begin at once to think of the person for whom our gifts are intended, and to pray that we may serve the Lord in filling the assignment. When we do that, we shall be more likely to sense the needs correctly.

Have you ever paused to think what it would be like if you were a child in one of the homes of our Kodiak Baptist Mission and someone had delayed sending your clothing until long after the date requested, especially when all the other children with whom you lived had received theirs?

Have you ever tried to understand how a house parent would feel when one child received clothing far better and in greater quantity than requested while the other children had not been so fortunate?

Let us remember the quota needs should be filled accurately and promptly and all shipping instructions followed exactly!

MATHER IS GRATEFUL

Mather School is delighted with the way their friends have responded to their need to fill their shelves. Let us now strive to continue this steady flow of boxes!

Mather will be helped greatly if we can manage to send boxes from time to time during the year. They would particularly appreciate receiving boxes during the late summer and early fall when school clothes are needed—needed not just for Mather girls but for a host of youngsters whose parents come to the Sales House to buy.

Mail your boxes *prepaid*, marked White Cross, and addressed to Mather School, Beaufort, South Carolina. Enclose a stamped postal card addressed to the person sending the box, so that the box may be acknowledged with as little trouble as possible by the missionary.

OVERSEAS WHITE CROSS

At the meeting of the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women in January, it was voted that the *South India cash quota* should be regarded as an extra quota. If you have sent any money for the South India quota, answer "YES" to the question: Did you ask for and fill any extra quotas?

CASH QUOTA

Mrs. Frank Sharp, of the Public Relations Department of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, has prepared the following paragraphs to help us understand this experiment of cash quota for a mission field.

"For a number of years it has been found increasingly difficult to continue to furnish our missionaries in *South India* with White Cross supplies, due to unusually high costs incurred by high duty charges on our shipments to this field.

"It was found that duty on some items—*sent to our missionaries in South India*—in some instances came to 100 per cent of the value of the goods. Even increased contributions toward shipping costs would not offset a mounting deficit, resulting from high duty and other expenditures for packing, trucking, shipping, insurance, custom charges, and transportation costs from the port of entry to mission station.

"Working with information provided by missionaries on the *South India* field, the Public Relations, Overseas and Treasury departments and the White Cross committee decided to conduct an experiment in supplying a cash quota in lieu of White Cross supplies.

"Through study of the needs on the field it was discovered that if a majority of the active American Baptist women across our convention contributed twenty-five cents this year toward a *South India* White Cross cash account, it would be possible to provide the funds with which our missionaries in *South India* could purchase *on the field* the supplies they would ordinarily have requisitioned to be sent from our churches.

"Already the response has been gratifying. Funds are now available to start the allocation of grants for purchase of much needed medical supplies for use in the hospitals.

"Once again American Baptist women are meeting the challenge of a situation which has required prayer, vision and patience.

"Policy for the years ahead will be determined by continued study of the results and by the outcome of investigation into the possibility of new arrangements for future shipments."

Answer "YES" to the question concerning *extra quotas* on your report blank *if you sent any money for the South India quota.*

Follow instructions received with your Overseas quotas for shipping to the foreign mission fields. Always read each quota carefully and fill as requested.

To the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations

From: NYMAH VAUX (Mrs. Harvey E. Vaux)

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Department of Christian Service

National Council of American Baptist Women

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Greetings to the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations:

Were you as interested in receiving your first copy of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* as I, and did you realize what an instrument for good it could be to each one of us? It is a real privilege to be communicating with you through this channel and I am hoping that it will prove to be a helpful way to exchange ideas and plans.

Some of you have been elected to this chairmanship since the first edition of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, so let me especially welcome you to our ranks and wish for you great satisfaction in undertaking a new task. Each of you is exceedingly busy—perhaps far too busy—but because you are aware of the challenge of this day and have seen the opportunities on every hand to help our nation to become truly Christian, you have placed your hand in the Master's, willing to be led and to be used as he sees fit. May God bless you richly for being so willing and ready!

CHRIST, THE CHURCH AND RACE

The Council on Christian Social Progress will take the home mission theme, "Christ, the Church and Race," as the theme for its 1957 Green Lake conference program which they are planning in cooperation with the Department of Christian Friendliness. Among the leaders will be: Dr. Ira Reid, sociologist of Haverford College, and Dr. Paul Sanders of Vanderbilt University. Other leaders are also being secured to discuss specific techniques for integration in local communities.

Delegates attending the conference on Christian Social Progress will have opportunity of sharing in some of the sessions of the Evangelism and Bible Conference.

START VOLUNTEER SERVICE

The theme, "Christ, the Church and Race," is a natural for Christian social relations! Begin at once your volunteer service on program committees wherever this theme should be emphasized: Church School of Missions; your Woman's Society; United Church Meetings. It is a real opportunity for you and your volunteer workers to come to grips with human rights in your community.

Why not organize an interracial team to be used in your state, association or local meetings when this theme is presented?

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

The 1957 theme for May Fellowship Day is "Free Schools in a Free America." This theme is of special interest to us as chairmen of Christian Social Relations. It provides further opportunity for us to volunteer services on the local program committee for May Fellowship Day.

NEW FILM STRIP

"What Happened to Hannah" is a new social welfare filmstrip. It is the picture of the members of a church involved in many aspects of social welfare, not only in the church but in the community. A woman sees a need and does something about it! Order "What Happened to Hannah" from the nearest Baptist Film Library, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.; 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 2107 Woolsey Street, Berkeley 5, Calif. Rental charge, \$3.50.

INTEGRATION

In the South: Are you alert and informed in regard to such progress as is being made in integration? Do such headlines as "More Bombings Emphasize Rise of Race Tension in South" or "Violence Halts Buses in Two Southern Cities," cause you to pray harder and longer for a non-segregated society? Do you feel a sense of pride when you read of such cities as Louisville, where integration is at work without violence?

In the North: Are you alert and informed in regard to the situation in your own town? Are you supporting legislation designed to give full opportunity for all people? Are you protesting against legislation aimed at maintaining segregation and racial discrimination? Are you discovering the facts regarding segregation in housing, and are you working to develop "open occupancy" housing? Remember that *action stems from local action*. Dr. Martin Luther King, in his message for Race Relations Sunday, said, "If we are to remain true to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we must not rest until segregation is banished from every area of American life and we recognize that we 'are all one in Christ Jesus.'" If you do not already have a copy of this fine message, write to the Department of Christian Friendliness, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

"INTEGRATION NORTH AND SOUTH"

A new manual, entitled "Integration North and South" lists incidents where desegregation has pro-

ceeded with "salutary sobriety in our Republic," since the Supreme Court decision, May 17, 1954. Order your copy from the Department of Christian Friendliness. Price, 25 cents.

Don't overlook Miss Bernice Cofer's article on "Integration Is the Church's Job, Too," in *Missions*, January 1957.

REFUGEES

The Hungarian revolution has stirred in the hearts of our people the desire to share. Most of the refugees have already arrived at Camp Kilmer, N. J. There is little hope for others to come unless Congress acts to support the President's request for a more liberal immigration law. You can *act now* as follows:

1. Write your Congressmen and urge support of the President's plan.

2. Send your money contributions to Mrs. E. W. Parsons, secretary to the American Baptist Convention's Committee for World Relief, 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y. Money is still the most desirable way of making a contribution to Hungarian relief. You may be interested to know that one dollar will provide 100 pounds of food through Share our Surplus.

3. Send used clothing and blankets through Church World Service to the nearest warehouse: 1010 Ninth Street, Modesto, Calif.; 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.; Nappanee, Ind.; New Windsor, Md.; 110 East 29th Street, New York 16, N. Y. If you wish, you may send your parcels *prepaid* to: Baptist Relief Committee for Hungary, Mollardgasse 35, Vienna, Austria. These parcels should be clearly marked: FOR HUNGARIAN RELIEF.

FORGOTTEN CHILD LABORERS

America leads the world in concern for child welfare. Over the years child labor has been abolished in our coal mines, cotton mills and other industries. Forgotten only are the children of the migrants, large numbers of whom toil in commercialized agriculture. Many of these children lack education and live in deplorable housing and in poverty. Six hundred thousand children are not even receiving an education. Are you in your community concerned with this problem?

ARE YOUR ATTITUDES SHOWING AND GROWING?

How do you feel *now* about the United Nations?

- NOW, that it has survived and contributed significantly toward the solution of the great struggle in the Middle East?
- NOW, that it has found only a partial answer to the great struggle in Hungary?
- NOW, that it is evident that 80 nations need and are learning to use it?
- NOW, that it is dealing helpfully with "atoms for peace," and raising the standards of living around the world?
- NOW, that it is demonstrating its ability to accelerate the process of evolution in order to prevent the disruptive processes of revolution?

OUR ASSISTANTS

We used to speak of Christian Friendliness "volunteers," and that term is still used. However now that the concerns of both the Council on Christian Social Progress and the Department of Christian Friendliness of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies are included in the portfolio of the chairman of Christian Social Relations, she needs more volunteers than ever before. She needs to enlist people with special interests, abilities and knowledge in each field of her work.

First, let us look at some of these projects:

1. **Migrants.** If you are in the area where the opportunity exists for working with migrants, you need assistants—or a committee. Remember the children of migrants especially need help.

2. **International Students.** Perhaps you are in an area where there are no migrants but you do have foreign students in your community. Enlist a subcommittee chairman to organize a group of concerned people who would like to extend *home* hospitality. Then they can contact the student counselor at the nearest university or college, the state chairman of Christian Social Relations, the state Christian Friendliness missionary or the office of the Council of Churches to obtain the names of those students in need of friendship, understanding and hospitality.

3. **Indian Americans.** They are coming into our communities for resettlement and are finding it difficult to adjust to city life after living on a reservation. The association chairman of Christian Social Relations could be the liaison person with the Ministerial Association or the local Council of Churches, and through them be in touch with governmental officials who have the names of "new-comers." Often these "new-comers" to the community are in dire need of help in housing, hospitalization, church affiliation, schools, and so forth.

Now to whom do we turn for volunteers:

1. **THE CHAIRMAN OF FAMILY LIFE.** Although in another division, the chairman of Family Life will be happy to help in joint projects related to family life.

Perhaps you can suggest the showing of the film "A Desk for Billy," at the meeting in your church in September 1957 for your new Sunday church school teachers.

2. **THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** This committee in the church—working with the chairman of Christian Social Relations—can do a significant service in the community. Does your school board employ teachers regardless of race? Do your stores have employees representing minority races? Do the other-language churches in your community or the neighboring Negro churches have resources equal to those enjoyed by your church? If not, do you share your resources with them?

3. **SHUT-INS.** These friends can be enlisted to write letters to women in Europe or in the South. We at least can encourage these women—who are now facing the problems of integration with calm faces but perhaps troubled hearts—with our letters of faith and encouragement.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Training

From: RUTH ROHLFS (Mrs. Marcus Rohlf's)

National Vice-President of Christian Training

Division of Christian Training

National Council of American Baptist Women

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Hello, Again!

Although the excitement in receiving our first issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN is a thing of the past, we shall continue, however, through the pages of subsequent issues to become better and better acquainted with one another.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN gives us a means for closer contact and brings into focus a better recognition of our common concern and commitment. It also serves as a reminder that all of worth—which we receive—reaches its highest value only in as far as we share it with one another.

A FORWARD LOOK

• Opportunity for Christian Training

Of great importance to Christian training are not only our association meetings—scheduled during the coming months—but, also, the state convention, the American Baptist Convention with our Woman's Day; our state house party; and the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Each of us *alone* can gain much by reading and studying and through meditation. But when we *gather* for meetings and our knowledge and experiences are shared, our work discussed and demonstrated, we gain greater stimulation. Then it is that we take great strides. We are inspired by outstanding leadership, by interesting and informative programs, and by the joy of planning and working and also worshipping with those who hold the same ideals and who are reaching for the same goals.

• Program

1. Refer those who are planning programs for your state and association meetings to the variety of methods for presentation and participation demonstrated to us in the Leadership Training Conferences of a year ago and outlined in *You Can Be A Leader*.

2. Consider setting up an exhibit of materials, posters and illustrations showing your division's work, including perhaps a workbook and an activities calendar.

3. Discard former patterns which placed the emphasis upon speakers and lacked audience participation.

• Promotion

1. Promote attendance at these meetings, insofar as you possibly can.

2. Be well informed regarding transportation, time-tables and rates.

3. Urge local women's societies to contribute to at least one person's expenses.

4. Explore the child-care provisions made at Green Lake, which may help some of our women with young children to attend. And how we need their interest and work!

5. Inform husbands that interesting activities are planned for them at Green Lake by Mr. Al Fry, the executive secretary of the National Council of American Baptist Men.

6. Plan programs for promotion, using colored slides if available and follow-up reports on all these training experiences, requesting delegates to make suggestions as to how new ideas may be conserved and used.

WOMAN'S DAY

Two of the national chairmen in our Division of Christian Training are busy making plans for Woman's Day, May 29, in Convention Hall, Philadelphia. Mrs. Stacy Randle, chairman of Family Life, is writing the script for the afternoon program, "Living Is a Family Affair." Mrs. Schuyler Spaulding, chairman of Leadership Training, is making arrangements for the conferences for all state, association and local officers and chairmen, to be held immediately following the morning session.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The national chairman of Leadership Training, Mrs. Schuyler Spaulding, is chairman of the committee making plans for the Fourth National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 13-20. The conference theme is "In Action for Christ."

PROGRAM PLANNING

Emphasis will be placed on Program Planning during the program year 1957-1958, by the National Council of American Baptist Women. Already our national chairman of Leadership Training and our national chairman of Program, Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes, are at work preparing materials to assist us in this important area of our work.

WORKERS WITH TOOLS

Each of you has long since, no doubt, brought together in a workbook and file a copy of *your Leader's*

Guide and Goals, also leaflets, correspondence, magazine articles, constitutions, pamphlets and suggestions.

Regard these materials not as a plank along which you feel your way, but as a springboard from which you leap into action and which lends direction to your progress. Using your head and your energy as you strike out, you set your eyes on your goal and keeping afloat you finally arrive.

Remember that neither materials, instructions nor advice have any worth unless put into use. Read, adapt, expand and experiment with all that come to your hand.

WHY NOT TRY . . .

- **Buzz groups**, consisting of eight or ten members, with each group discussing for eight to ten minutes the topic, "The reasons why I do *not* attend the Woman's Society or circle meeting." Follow with another eight or ten-minute discussion on "What do I most enjoy and from what do I derive the greatest profit when attending the meetings of my Woman's Society or circle?"

Report results and if possible use them to improve attendance.

1. You may find the meetings are continued so late that our women with young children cannot get home before school is dismissed.

2. You may find that the business session may be too long and inefficiently conducted—calling for a little general study of a simple text on parliamentary procedure.

3. You may find that programs lack interest. If frankness is encouraged—and no defense of the status quo is stressed—leaders may obtain valuable opinions. Your meetings can acquire a "come hither" appeal as a result.

- **A Program Team**, consisting of the following chairmen:

1. Chairman of Literature—using book reviews.
2. Chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education—using stories from *Missions* magazine and mission leaflets, or using role playing.
3. Chairman of Christian Social Relations—using material clipped from a recent newspaper—and supplemented by background facts—on Christian attitudes related to a current community or national issue.
4. Chairman of Family Life—using a family problem and seeking a Christian solution as related to the family involved.

Each chairman should be prepared to take her turn in presenting her portfolio to the different circles upon request and by a prearranged schedule.

This presentation of our Baptist women's work should employ various methods as outlined in *You Can Be A Leader*.

- **A Family Conference**—for state, association or local society—for a week or weekend, when for entire week-end families live together, play together and worship together at a conference ground or camping site.

Some period each day could be provided when par-

ents could discuss, under an able leader, Christian solutions to common family problems.

- **A Worship Pact**—among your leadership group, arranging for a designated portion of the Bible or selections from a devotional book to be read daily.

Christian leaders need regular devotional reading, meditation and prayer for growth in spirit and truth. We are more likely to follow such a regular program if we plan it with fellow workers.

A monthly period of follow-up discussions of these devotional periods will enhance their value.

- **A Bible Study Period**. Such a period led by my own pastor for one-half hour, previous to our Woman's Day luncheon at the church each month, is proving very popular and most helpful.

SHARING SOME RECENT CHRISTIAN TRAINING EXPERIENCES . . .

- "Religion and Vocation" was the subject of a conference which I recently attended for senior leaders of private schools in the Northwest.

Do you know the questions about God, which are in the minds of our young people in this materialistic age?

Are we able to state in clear, simple terms *our* own personal faith?

We must not force our thinking upon youth. It is our part to help them with frank discussion, to guide them toward a solution of their questions. Unless they, themselves, seek and take hold on a sound religious philosophy which continues to grow with the years, their faith will not be woven inextricably through their lives.

- **A Christian Legislative Seminar** in Washington's state capital, Olympia, was a recent event attended by my husband, my son and me for two days.

The state legislature was in session. Several Christian legislators worked with us in our seminary sessions at the nearby church. We had opportunity to visit the House, the Senate, and the Governor.

Christian training certainly includes learning how to make Christian influence felt where and when laws are being made. There are some very clear black and white issues before the Washington legislators, which could easily slide through if we were not alert and vocal in our dissent.

How about your state?

COUNTERPARTS

Some of you have indicated that this word we commonly use for those in similar positions is cold and inadequate. At first, I, too, shared that feeling. I now find that its familiar use has redeemed or enhanced it to me, at least.

Counter, meaning in combination with, and *part*, implying partners, create a nice warm response within me. I am aware that I am "in combination with partners" and together we can help to make a definite impact in the area of Christian relationships across the breadth and length of this land.

To the Chairmen of Spiritual Life

From: **KATHERINE H. MARSTALLER** (Mrs. Charles A. Marstaller)
National Chairman of Spiritual Life
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Greetings to you! Chairmen of Spiritual Life:

How we welcome these warmer days after the long, cold winter up here in the far northern corner of our United States! You see I must have faith that spring will come because I have just written the preceding sentence on a morning when the thermometer registered "below Zero"!

Spring always comes after the winter! So I know a spiritual springtime will follow the winter of difficult experiences of life. May you always be able to say that God has been near you in every storm of the past, and may there be springtime in your hearts now as you experience the freshness and beauty of these new days.

BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE

The American Baptist Convention will be one of the seven major Baptist fellowships of North America to cooperate in a five-year emphasis on evangelism, beginning in 1959 and terminating in 1964 with the observance of the "third jubilee"—the 150th anniversary of the organization of Baptist missionary work in America.

It is the desire of American Baptist Convention leaders to have a worthy part in this program. All plans of our Convention are being made to conform to the program outlined by the joint committee of the seven Baptist fellowships of North America.

With this information you will be watching for further publicity and material on the Jubilee Advance.

Be sure to pray daily for this challenging program.

WELCOME TO NEW DIRECTOR OF EVANGELISM

Through these pages I shall give a special welcome to Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, recently appointed director of evangelism for the American Baptist Convention. God has chosen this great man for this particular task. Let us pray for him as he leads us in a genuine revival of vital Christianity!

Here is a message from Dr. Morikawa as we face the Jubilee Advance: "What we need to do as a Convention is to incite and ferment a deep and profound concern and desire, and an appeal to the living God that he will visit us with a mighty visitation of spiritual renewal and evangelistic mission."

BIBLE READING

What is the Bible? Why read the Bible? How to Read the Bible? Where to Look in the Bible? These

are the headings of a very practical and challenging sixteen-page pamphlet entitled, "How to Read the Bible," by Dr. Francis Carr Stifler of the American Bible Society. The price is ten cents. The pamphlet may be ordered from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y.

NATIONAL PRAYER CALLS

"Thou art coming to a King
Large petitions with thee bring,
For His grace and power are such
None can ever ask too much."

—Author unknown

MAY

Bible Book: Hebrews

BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM . . .

PRAY for the sessions of the American Baptist Convention in Philadelphia.

PRAY that God's presence may be felt throughout the program on Woman's Day when the theme for the day is "The Christian Home." Undergird with daily prayer Woman's Day, May 29.

IN JUDEA . . .

PRAY for the Christian leaders who will be working this summer in eleven Junior Citizen Camps; pray that these leaders may be given insight to help these young people to know the need they have of Christ.

AND IN THE UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE EARTH . . .

PRAY for the flood sufferers in South India who have lost their homes and source of livelihood

JUNE

Bible Book: Ezra

BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM . . .

PRAY for young people being graduated from schools and colleges that these young people may seek God's will as they enter their chosen vocations.

PRAY for the Youth Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, June 22-29.

IN JUDEA . . .

PRAY that the people of the churches of Alaska may have the vision and commitment to minister wholeheartedly to service personnel and their families.

PRAY that ways will be found to minister to small groups of workers in isolated places.

AND IN THE UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE EARTH . . .

PRAY that peace may be restored to the Naga Hills of Assam, where rebellion is still taking a heavy toll of lives.

JULY Bible Book: I, II Thessalonians BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM . . .

PRAY for the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 13-20.

PRAY that the leaders may be used to lift the sights of all who attend and lead them into the way of more Christian service.

IN JUDEA . . .

PRAY that the Indian lay people may join with other lay people of the American Baptist Convention in accepting their part in the life of their churches and giving community witness.

AND IN THE UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE EARTH . . .

PRAY for the missionaries and their associates who are revising the *New Testament* and hymnal for the Lahu tribe in northern Burma.

AUGUST Bible Books: Philippians, Colossians BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM . . .

PRAY that the vacation season may be a time of recreation in order that renewed energy and vision may be given for the task within the church during the coming months.

PRAY for those leading and attending the conferences being held at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

IN JUDEA . . .

PRAY that many unchurched children and their families may be reached through the "Winning the Children for Christ" program during the fall and winter months.

AND IN THE UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE EARTH . . .

PRAY for the new missionaries, who have been appointed by the foreign mission societies, as they prepare for, travel to, and begin their work on their new fields of service.

PRAY that more young people may hear the call of God to "Go into all the world. . . ."

FOR THOSE WHO LEAD WORSHIP SERVICES

The following paragraphs were written some time ago by Mary Beth Fulton. They proved to be of help to those of us who are so often asked to give a devotional service. I have her consent to repeat them here.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP SERVICES:

The chairman of Spiritual Life cooperates with the chairman of Program in planning the meetings that there may be unity. When there is unity an expectant and receptive mood is created.

When the worship service comes first, it prepares

hearts for what is to follow. When the worship service comes last it is the culmination of the entire session.

Normally a worship service is not long. And it is not a sermon!

PURPOSE:

Determine what is to be accomplished in the time spent together. It is the high privilege of leading another soul into the presence of God.

PREPARATION:

With simplicity and sincerity the leader will make her personal preparation. Nothing can take the place of quiet waiting before God, as he reveals his plans and his purposes.

Arrange for group participation—not something done for the group but *with* the group.

Those assisting in the service should be seated near the front to avoid disturbance during the service.

PRESENTATION:

Appearance and platform presence are important. Be clear, cogent and concise, using simple but colorful words. Speak distinctly that all may hear.

There are many aids to worship, any one of which is helpful if it brings us more quickly into the presence of God. Silence, prayer and scripture are essential, with music and a brief message.

"Thy soul must overflow

If thou another's soul would reach;

It needs the overflow of heart

To give the lips full speech."

—Charles H. Spurgeon.

MEETING YOU IN PHILADELPHIA

Here is the opportunity I have been anticipating! I want to meet all chairmen of Spiritual Life—local, association, state—who may be attending the American Baptist Convention.

Come early to the Convention so that you may attend the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women on May 29, beginning at 9:45 A.M. During the morning session all chairmen of Spiritual Life will be seated with other members of the Division of Christian Training; the vice-presidents of Christian Training; the chairmen of Family Life; and the chairmen of Leadership Training. Immediately following the program of the morning, conferences will be held. Be sure to come and bring all your suggestions to our conference for chairmen of Spiritual Life—local, association and state—that we may advance our planning.

If for any reason I should miss seeing you, will you be sure to arrange for an appointment at the booth of the National Council of American Baptist Women. I am looking forward to meeting you.

A PERSONAL COVENANT

Believing that prayer is power and that power is needed for this hour, I covenant with God to spend more time in personal devotions and to become a member of a prayer group.

.....Sign here.

To the Chairmen of Family Life

From: VIVIAN RANDLE (Mrs. Stacy Randle)

National Chairman of Family Life

Division of Christian Training

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 38 Handy Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey



Dear Friends:

I'm asking you for so many dates, you'd think we were "going steady."

Events coming up in the near future seem to hold a special significance for families. I should like to share with you ideas that come to mind, and ask that you remember this is a two-way street. Ideas which you have found to work well, might be helpful to other chairmen. As unique suggestions come to me, I shall pass them on through the pages of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

EASTER AND THE FAMILY

The first and uppermost date in our minds at this time is Easter, when we commemorate the death and resurrection of our Saviour.

In the April, 1955 issue of *Hearthstone*, Vera Channels, in her article entitled "Easter in the Home," calls our attention to the fact that new clothes, colored eggs in Easter baskets, attendance at a church service are about all that Easter usually means in the home. One of the many different ways of emphasizing the love and kindness of Jesus—suggested by Mrs. Channels—is through a special family worship service in which each member of the family participates.

To families attending the Easter Sunrise Service—sponsored by the Council of Churches—one church in New Jersey makes a practice of serving breakfast.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

The next date of which I would remind you is National Family Week, May 5-12.

You probably have heard through your association or state chairman about the Family-Week Packet, which may be ordered from the American Baptist Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa. Price, 25 cents. This packet contains a variety of leaflets for family distribution. It also contains a 32-page resource book with daily suggestions for family activities, church projects and special programs.

Information gained from material in the Family-Week Packet will enable you to help your pastor and Board of Christian Education in planning significant ways of accenting Christian family life in your church. Perhaps your annual church meeting falls within this period. Have you tried a family hobby show lately? Why not follow dinner and the business meeting with a tour of

exhibits, displayed attractively around the room. Would this not be a good way to end the program year?

WOMAN'S DAY

"The Christian Home" has been chosen as the theme for Woman's Day—the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women—to be held on May 29, in Convention Hall, Philadelphia. Mrs. Clarence Nelson, of Washington, D. C., an excellent speaker and an authority on family life will speak during the morning session. In the afternoon, a drama "Living Is a Family Affair," will be presented, with Mrs. Kenneth Massey, of New Jersey, as the director.

The dramatic presentation, "Living Is a Family Affair," will consist of six fast-moving sketches. You will see an American Baptist family moving through various familiar situations in the home, church, and community. These sketches are being issued in booklet form with suggestions for use. Devotional material, discussion guide, and helpful background information are included for each scene, thus giving sufficient material for six programs. This booklet may be purchased on May 29 at the National Council of American Women's booth in the Convention Exhibit Hall, Philadelphia. Watch for further announcement—concerning this booklet—to be printed in Scope, May issue of *Crusader*.

YOUR HOME CAN BE CHRISTIAN

Another exciting innovation in the way of family life program material is the discussion guide being prepared by the Christian Family Life Committee for use with Dorothy Maynard's book, *Your Home Can Be Christian*. Specifically this material is prepared for use as an elective for parents' groups in the Sunday church school. It will, however, lend itself exceptionally well as subject matter for evening discussion groups.

Your Home Can Be Christian, by Dorothy Maynard, is available at your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, \$2.00. A *Guide for Your Home Can Be Christian* will be available on May 29. Price, 40 cents. Order from the American Baptist Department of Adult Work.

CHILDREN'S DAY, JUNE 9

Six-year-old Janie stood, poised expectantly in the door of the assembly room of our church. The shining newness of the ruffles and lace of her blue dress matched the happy glow in her clear-sky eyes. Then—even as I watched—her face crumpled and fell apart. The group leaving the stage was Janie's own class.

The happy time of getting ready for Children's Day, the eager anticipation with which she had learned "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story" were all forgotten in the tragedy of arriving too late. As Janie fell weeping into her teacher's arms, I thought of the mother or father who had let her out at the door. Would they ever know what they had done to Janie by not getting her to the church on time, I wondered. And what might prove even more important, by not attending with her!

HOUSE PARTIES

If you can arrange to attend your state house party this spring, you will want to pay special attention to the display arranged by your state chairman of Family Life. You will receive inspiration and help by taking part in her conferences. You will have a chance to exchange ideas with other chairmen and to receive helpful suggestions relating to your work.

THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 13-20, provides a wonderful opportunity for the whole family. Special activities for men are being arranged by Mr. Al Fry, executive secretary of the National Council of American Baptist Men; plans for the Guild house party are being made by Mrs. Robert Manogg, national Fellowship Guild counselor of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

TWO MORE DATES

Let me remind you of two other conferences, both planned by the Department of Adult Work and Family Life. These, too, will be at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

National Young Adult Family Conference, August 3-10. The theme of this conference is "Family Life at Home and Church." The conference is for families with children between the ages of four and eleven years.

National Adult Laboratory School, August 24-31. This conference is for teachers and leaders of adults and young adults.

Certainly no one of us has the time to attend all of these, wonderful and helpful as they are. But each can choose the one that suits her convenience best, and can profit by being a member of that particular conference.

FOSTER HOMES

Dr. Osgoode H. McDonald, secretary of the Department of Homes and Hospitals, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, says: "Three of our fourteen homes are definitely committed to the foster home policy. They are situated at Royal Oak, Mich.; Lake Villa, Ill.; and Centralia, Ill. My impression is that in Detroit and elsewhere secular agencies are pleading for foster

homes and are not receiving the desired response. On the other hand, our church-related children's homes seem able to secure foster homes of satisfactory quality and what is more important, with a Christian motivation on the part of the foster parents."

"LEFT-OVER" CHILDREN

In New York City alone there are more than 600 Protestant children "left-over" each month. In Chicago the number is far greater. "We never have enough really good foster homes for our wards, the hundreds of children who are under our care," said the director of Public Welfare in one of our cities. These transplanted youngsters—many of them from broken homes—respond like flowers opening to the summer sun, when given understanding and loving care in Christian homes.

So if you are like the grandparents in Milwaukee who "have never stopped being parents" and if you don't want to stop when your children leave to make homes of their own, and if you are willing to put your "know how" to work again, phone the office of the Baptist Children's Home or the Public Welfare Agency nearest to you and make an appointment to see the director.

Perhaps, on the other hand, your children have not grown older but you are like one couple I know who "enjoy having a lot of youngsters around." They have four agency children in addition to three of their own! Clothing and medical care for these deserving wards of the state are taken care of by the Agency. In addition, a variable sum—sixty-five dollars monthly in New York State—is paid for board. Is it because the need has not been brought to our attention that we tend to overlook this form of community outreach?

EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain" (Psalm 127:1).

Where do children get their ideas of right and wrong? From the gang? From the Sunday church school? From the public school? It hardly seems necessary to answer this question. Authorities on human behaviour agree that the home comes first in molding character in the young and in affecting their attitudes of right living. The home comes even before the "gang" in its lasting effect on what children become. Parents and children together live out the Christian faith.

The approach with which a child faces problems; his appreciation of values; both are determined by the example his parents have set in the home. We are pulled up short in the face of the tremendous responsibility that is ours in shaping the living of those in our care. But let us approach parenthood with serenity and confidence, knowing that "God will let nothing come my way that he and I can't handle together."

To the Chairmen of Leadership Training

From: VIOLET SPAULDING (Mrs. Schuyler Y. Spaulding)

National Chairman of Leadership Training

Division of Christian Training

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 12 Ridgewood Road, West Hartford, Connecticut



Greetings to the Chairmen of Leadership Training:

"Lo the winter is past, . . . the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our lands" (Song of Sol. 2:11-12).

Though I am no turtledove, my voice—by means of this printed page—is about to be heard throughout the leadership training area of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN'S land. As spring and Easter approach, we must concern ourselves with today's task and tomorrow's plans. Our yesterday's achievement should spur us to "rise . . . to higher things," and that achievement is the theme of the first stanza of my song.

REPORTS

On page 2 of *Record and Annual Report Book* are found three reasons for the annual reports of our Woman's Society:

1. To help each society to check its own progress;
2. To pass on helpful plans;
3. To furnish statistics and information showing the total strength of our women's work.

Farther down the page, the calendar of report dates is shown:

1. Local to association, April 15;
2. Association to state, April 22;
3. State to national, April 30.

Our national report can be no better than the reports of the states from which it is compiled. The value of the states' reports depends on the associations' reports which, of course, gather the achievements of the local organizations. Will *each* officer and chairman seriously recognize her obligation to present to her counterpart on *time* a complete accurate report. By this procedure only can the national report present a total picture of our work.

While I have just indicated that my message is to the leadership training area primarily, much will apply equally to *every* field of our Christian work. In the first place, include in your report *all* activities. Reread your workbook to bring to mind what has been done earlier in the year. No one should attempt to fill out the reports of all officers and chairmen. Will each of you copy from your report—on a *separate* sheet—any items of interest or value to women across the country? These helpful hints will be passed on to the proper officers or chairmen.

Repeated requests that you share your outstanding or inspirational programs are made because of the helpful value they hold for women in other societies.

As you fill out your report form, taken from the *Record and Annual Report Book*, will you record on additional paper your comments for making that report blank either clearer or more comprehensive? Send these suggestions to your counterpart, asking her to attach the additional page to her report to her counterpart.

For future reference, note from the reports you receive any areas that need strengthening.

TRAINING NEW OFFICERS

The election of officers is at hand! Make it your business to request that the president call together—preferably at the close of the annual meeting—all outgoing and incoming officers. At this meeting retiring officers should pass their workbooks to their successors. This meeting also affords an ideal opportunity for the president to fix a definite date for orientation and training of new officers—including refresher sessions for those continuing in office.

CHANNELING MATERIALS

At the last national board meeting much was said about channeling materials. While this is no new problem, it is a vital one. You, no doubt, feel as strongly as I do that—with our national, state, association and local setup—if any *one* officer fails on her job, it decreases to that extent the effectiveness of the total organization. Let us, therefore, make every effort to pass on promptly to our counterparts any material which they should act upon or forward to their counterparts! We often hear, "I never received that information." Sometimes that is the truth; too often, however, the letter containing the information was tucked away and forgotten until a desk cleaning brought it to light.

MEMBERSHIP

No amount of leadership training or the finest goals will be of much value unless our society has faithful, consecrated workers: members who will project fine ideas and ideals into action.

Whose responsibility is it to recruit new members? It is the job of *every* woman in the organization. You will probably meet the new neighbor on your street long before your pastor does, or the chairman of the membership committee, or your president. Why not invite her to attend *with you* the meeting of the Wom-

an's Society. Those who work in offices—in fact all employed women—meet newcomers. Invite them to your business and professional women's group.

The responsibility of obtaining new members rests squarely upon the Society's membership. The task of *holding* them is the responsibility of the members, the officers and chairmen, and the *program committee*. If the programs are alive and interesting, timely and worthwhile, women will want to attend. Remember, too, a good program can be ruined by a long, dull business meeting. We have a vital purpose: namely, the bringing of the Kingdom of God to our community. Let us not defeat that purpose by lack of imagination and preparation!

More on this subject in the August issue!

HOUSE PARTIES

May I urge all Baptist women who possibly can do so to avail themselves of the opportunity for fellowship and inspiration afforded by attendance at their state house party. The chairman of Leadership Training, also, should take advantage of the opportunity offered in so large a gathering—representing many woman's societies—to conduct training in *every* area of our organization's work.

The house party is an opportunity which should yield to a large number in a short period much information and inspiration.

AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION

For information and inspiration attend the American Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, May 29-June 4! If it is not possible to attend for the entire period, do plan to come on Woman's Day, May 29. Many groups within a one-hundred-mile radius of the Convention city—Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love—are planning to charter buses to transport them with a maximum of ease and a minimum of expense. The emphasis for Woman's Day will be placed on *Family Life*. Since this year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of our Love Gift, a portion of the morning program under the direction of Mrs. Lester P. Wager, national chairman of Love Gift, will highlight this historic occasion.

Time will be given over to a box luncheon and conferences for all officers, chairmen and circle leaders, from 12:00 to 2:15 P.M. This will provide an opportunity for many of us to share ideas with other interested women working toward the same goals and solving similar problems. I look forward to seeing many of you in our conference.

SEATING THE DIVISION LEADERS

To save time in gathering for lunch and conferences after the morning session, we ask *all* division leaders to take seats in their respective divisions. There will be signs indicating the various sections. Trained ushers will help. Those with no particular division affiliation

will sit wherever their interest leads. Seating arrangement applies to the morning session *only*. It is requested in order to give a longer period for conferences.

INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCES

If time does not permit us to complete our discussions, you may wish to make appointments with me for individual conferences.

AFTERNOON SESSION

We have a real treat for the afternoon session: a drama on family life—"Living Is a Family Affair." Our national chairman of Family Life, Mrs. Stacy Randle, has prepared the script in collaboration with Mrs. Ernest Bailey, chairman of Publicity for New York.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Don't miss the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, from July 13 to 20! We shall gain much there that will enable us to perform *finer* Christian service. Ways to help us employ our talents more effectively will be demonstrated. Fellowship with the outstanding leaders of our denomination will be enjoyed during the pleasant social occasions.

EMPHASIS FOR 1957-1958

At the request of many of our women, the emphasis of our National Council of American Baptist Women for the coming year will be placed on *Program Planning*. Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes, national chairman of Program, is preparing a very helpful leaflet which will be distributed at the Convention and will be sent later to all our local societies. This leaflet will give suggestions and aid in planning 1957-1958 programs.

A PREVIEW OF OUR NEXT BIG PROJECT

Baptists are never satisfied with their achievements! Our denominational project for the coming year is a Lay Development Program planned for every Baptist man, woman and youth. Its aim is to deepen the devotional and spiritual life of every Baptist man, woman and youth. It emphasizes the importance and value of regular church attendance the reading of our denominational publications, and the familiarizing oneself with at least one of our Baptist projects.

Watch for additional details in the next issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.

SUMMER PREPARATION FOR AUTUMN SERVICE

During the spring and summer months let us by our own meditation and study, through work in our local societies, by attendance at house parties, the American Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, and the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, strive to increase "in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

Let us so prepare ourselves in these months ahead that we may do *more* than our full share when our society begins a new church year!

To the Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women

From: JENNIE WILLIS

National Vice-President of Business and Professional Women

Division of Business and Professional Women

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 136 South 26th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana



Dear Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women:

How interesting it would be to know how many employed women read the first issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*! Would you be willing to send me a postal card—to my address in Terre Haute—telling me that you are reading our page in *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*? Perhaps you will send some suggestions, too, indicating how our page can be most helpful to you.

PLEASE NOTE

For your engagement book, please note the following important dates:

- **The American Baptist Convention**, Philadelphia, May 29 to June 4.

- **Woman's Day**, Convention Hall, Philadelphia, May 29, 9:45 A.M.

On hearing the report of the committee preparing the program for Woman's Day, we became greatly interested and enthusiastic in our anticipation, and I am sure you will wish to be there if possible.

Between 12:45 P.M. and 2:15 P.M. there will be a division conference for business and professional women. The employed women attending the Convention—as well as those from the Philadelphia area, coming perhaps for the day only—are urged to attend the business and professional women's conference. Bring your questions and ideas. This will be a time of sharing. The chairman of the annual meeting has announced that appropriate signs will be placed in the auditorium, directing those of each division to a designated area where they may sit together. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there.

- **National Women's Conference**, Green Lake, July 13-20.

An important date in the life of the American Baptist business and professional woman is July 13, when we gather at Green Lake for the National Women's Conference. The program for this conference is in preparation. It promises to be of benefit and inspiration to all who attend. Our division will meet for one hour each afternoon, Monday through Friday.

Women of all races are invited to attend this conference. Why don't you urge friends of another race to come to Green Lake for the National Women's Conference.

Yearbooks will be on display at the National Women's Conference. I know many business and professional women's groups have yearbooks of which they are very proud. Please send me any that you wish displayed as I am to gather them and take them to Green Lake. Please send to my Terre Haute address.

REPORTS

Mention was made in the first issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* of a change in the annual report blanks. You will receive these reports soon. Please notice that we are asking how many employed women are on your church rolls. Your pastor or church secretary, if you have one, will be able to help you. Now is a good time to begin checking on this.

The next question in the report is regarding the number of employed women who are active in circles. This will enlighten you, as vice-president of the employed women's circle, as to whether you are reaching *all* of the employed women with the program of our world mission.

In the event there is no vice-president of Business and Professional Women, we ask that the president of the Woman's Society answer at least these two questions on the report form for the business and professional women.

Please consider this reporting as a very important part of your job. The annual meeting this year is earlier than last year and it will be necessary that the local report be sent promptly to the association vice-president on April 15, the association report to the state vice-president on April 22, and the state report to me on April 30, in order that I may have my report ready for the annual meeting. We are proud of what our employed women are doing but others will not know the full extent of our contribution unless it is reported by the local group.

WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING

You may have heard the story of the rooster who wandered one day from his home territory and came across a turkey's eggs. He rolled them home and gathered the hens around him and said, "Now girls, I'm not complaining about what has been done, but I want to show you what *is* being done in other places." Perhaps you would be interested in "what is being done in other places" with respect to our employed women.

Miss Shirley Wager, association vice-president of Business and Professional Women for Rochester and Monroe Counties in New York, writes: "I want you to know about our newly organized Monroe Association of Baptist Business and Professional Women, which began on Sunday, November 11. I had a planning meeting at my home in September, at which time thirteen women from seven churches were present. Six churches which have a business and professional group were represented by their chairman or another officer, and one church having no business and professional group was represented. They planned the fall county-wide meeting which was held at Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday, November 11, with fellowship at five o'clock and a buffet supper at half past five, followed by a speaker, devotional period and a business meeting. Our speaker, Mrs. B. Bailey Hathaway, a former vice-president of Christian Service of the National Council of American Baptist Women, gave a very inspiring talk.

"Fifty-three employed women from ten churches were present. All were enthusiastic and said they enjoyed the meeting and thought the idea of organizing was good. At the business meeting they voted to organize, and the following officers were elected: Chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer, devotional chairman and publicity chairman. They voted to have three meetings a year and decided on a Sunday afternoon tea in January.

"At the meeting on November 11—our first meeting—four churches *with no business and professional group* were represented and one of our new officers is from one of these churches, so maybe we can encourage a few new groups to start."

Miss Muriel Edwards, state vice-president of Colorado, writes: "You will be interested to know that Mrs. Violet Tompkin, Rocky Mountain Association vice-president, and I went to the home of Mrs. Gladys Guy, First Vice-President of Grace Church, Denver, to help organize a business and professional women's circle. One business and professional women's circle is listed in the church office, but there was no circle functioning. Eighteen enthusiastic business and professional women were present for this first meeting. Four others were enthusiastic, too, but were unable to be present on that particular evening. They are a fine group of women, with Christian ideals and a real desire to be in the Lord's work.

"After some talk of explanation, of officers needed, of different types of meetings and programs, a question-discussion period followed. Then this group voted to form a circle there and then and actually volunteered for the various offices. A ballot was prepared and before we left all was in order.

"The first meeting was scheduled for January: a dessert meeting, followed by the necessary business and a devotional or missionary program. Homes were offered for monthly meetings; co-hostesses volunteered for the meetings, at which supper, dessert, or just refreshments might be served."

Denver business and professional women are active! Mrs. Edwards reports the organization of another circle of business and professional women in Denver. In

her letter describing this second group, Mrs. Edwards writes: "It does one good to see the earnestness and enthusiasm of this small group of young working girls. This small group will grow because of the real devotion of these girls to the Master's work."

Miss Ardis C. Giffin, vice-president of Business and Professional Women, in Massachusetts, reports: "In September a business and professional women's group was organized at the Washington Street Baptist Church in Lynn. The group has a membership of about twenty, which will increase, undoubtedly, because of the enthusiasm of these women. Like most of our groups across the American Baptist Convention, the members of this group in Lynn meet for a simple dinner, at the church, which is followed by the evening program and early adjournment."

In a recent letter to her association vice-presidents, Miss Giffin stated: "If only a small percentage of the women invited come to your meeting, you have made a good start. If only one or two of these women become interested enough to start a group, you have made progress!

Miss Imogene Smith, state vice-president of Business and Professional Women in Illinois, indicated in her report to her state board that "we want to stress the *interdependence* of the Woman's Society and the business and professional women's group." In a letter to her association vice-presidents she indicated that all women who are *earning* come within the definition describing business and professional women, and that it is the desire of the business and professional women's division to offer a program of sufficient scope to interest gainfully employed women and to afford them an opportunity to serve through their own group in the overall program of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

I am sharing these reports with you in order that through them you may be encouraged to do the same thing in your area or association. I could go on and on if I had a similar report from each of you!

HOUSE PARTIES

Very soon it will be house party time for many of you. I hope that you are planning a house party for employed women and that *you* will attend it.

If there is no house party planned for your business and professional women, request the state house party committee to arrange some plan which includes the employed women. If the state committee does this, then do your part by interesting as many business and professional women as possible in attending the house party with you.

WE VICE-PRESIDENTS HAVE WORK TO DO

From the reports I have given in this letter you can see what happens when we vice-presidents are active. There is work to do in this division of business and professional women; and it presents a great challenge to those who are serving as officers. Please do your part in promoting this division, for you must feel as I do that we have an important place in women's work and a contribution to make to it.

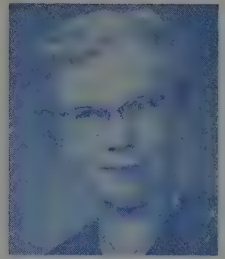
To the Fellowship Guild Counselors

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Hello, Again!

Each day as I return from school I eagerly look to see what the mailman has left for me. Lately I have been finding letters from association and local counselors as well as from state leaders. This is wonderful because it indicates that many Fellowship Guild counselors are reading *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. I hope that each Fellowship Guild counselor has her personal subscription to *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* so that she may read *all* the pages. I have found helpful suggestions for Guild in columns other than our own.

GOOD NEWS

It is with pleasure that I bring to you this good news. In December, Mrs. David Raycroft, nee Cay Hermann, became our national Guild director for an interim period. Many of you who attended the National Guild House Party in 1950 and 1951 will remember her. At that time she was national president of the Baptist Youth Fellowship; later she became a National Discipleship Intern of the Baptist Youth Fellowship. She served as director of religious education for the Delmar Baptist Church of St. Louis until her recent marriage. Cay Raycroft has a fine understanding of, and feeling for Guild, and is popular with the young people. To her, the work is a real challenge and as she herself said recently, "more exciting every day." If you wish to write to Mrs. David Raycroft, the address is: 1703 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.

MATERIALS

A number of requests have come to me for the priced materials which were listed in the first issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. I am sorry that I neglected to indicate that these materials are available at the office of the Baptist Youth Fellowship, 1703 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. While I am glad to forward your orders to Philadelphia, time is lost and there is delay in your receiving the materials you need.

Our gift boxes were not mentioned in our columns in the first issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. I hope you all know that we have our own Love Gift boxes. Our Love Gift boxes may be secured from your state counselor, from the state Baptist office, or from the Philadelphia office. We do hope that these boxes will last for several years; replacing them each year is expensive.

NATIONAL DEGREES

The National Program of Degrees is selling for ten cents a copy. Order from the Philadelphia office.

ANNUAL REGISTRATIONS

There is considerable discussion about the type of annual registration blanks that should be used. It is the thought of those who are working on them at this time that we bring ideas and suggestions to the Green Lake House Party for discussion this summer. We want to meet your requirements and wish to talk the matter over with you this summer. Blanks for use for the present time are available in the Philadelphia office.

GUILD WHITE CROSS

One of the special reasons I hope each of you has a complete copy of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* is that you may keep up on White Cross news. What you read in the columns by Mrs. A. T. Brownell, national chairman of White Cross, applies to Guild work also. Mrs. Brownell has asked me to remind you that:

- A qualified overseas White Cross quota comes only through the New York office.
- Quotas are sent to the state chairman of White Cross.
- The state chairman of White Cross divides the quotas among her association chairmen, according to the number of churches and Guild chapters in each association.
- Requests received directly from a missionary are *not* a part of the regular quota and must not be included nor reported as such.

Never send anything overseas which is not listed on your quota sheet—not even an extra box of crayons or a baby shirt! To do so causes the missionary considerable difficulty which we wish to avoid.

Post card forms received by you are to be used in *overland* boxes only. United States postage has no value for mailing in foreign countries.

Will you carefully supervise all work so that only the very best goes out? Do not appoint a Guild girl to take full charge. Your supervision is needed to help her do a good job.

GUILD LOVE GIFT

Letters have been received by me, telling the amount of the Guild Love Gift offering for certain chapters during 1956 and asking where this amount is to be reported.

Very shortly your local president will receive the annual report books in which there is a place on the Guild page to record the amount of Guild Love Gift offering.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The business of compiling an annual report is a real responsibility and task. It is imperative that final reports from the national officers and chairmen be ready not later than May 10, to make it possible to accomplish the work involved in mimeographing and assembling these reports for use at the annual board meetings of the National Council of American Baptist Women. In order to meet this schedule on time it is absolutely necessary that reports from all leaders be submitted promptly. We depend on the local counselors to start the ball rolling by submitting their reports not later than April 15, in order that association and state counselors can, in turn, submit their reports on time that I, in turn, may be able to submit my report by the date needed.

May I count upon your report being among the first? This will help no end to keep this big job moving to its conclusion without working hardship in its final stages of completion.

NATIONAL GUILD COMMISSION

During the Christmas holidays Mrs. Raycroft and I met with the National Guild Commission in Dayton, Ohio. The National Guild Commission is made up of the girls on the National Baptist Youth Fellowship Executive Board. We had a delightful time together and much was accomplished. Sandra Schoeninger, national Guild chairman, presided. Considerable thought was given to the next degree for the Program of Degrees. The results of our meeting we shall bring to you for discussion and suggestions at the coming house party at Green Lake.

EIGHTH NATIONAL GUILD HOUSE PARTY JULY 13-20, 1957

"How Great My Task" is the theme for our 1957 National Guild House Party. This theme is based on our Missionary World Outreach area of the Guild program and offers great challenge to our girls. At this time it is not possible to state who will be on the staff until final word is received from those whom we hope to have with us. The staff, however, will be outstanding, well trained and adequate to lead us.

Wouldn't it be gratifying if we could have girls and counselors attending from every state? We do hope many local, association, and state counselors are planning to come. Our program always provides opportunity for us to:

- Work out programs together.
- Discuss phases of our work.
- Ask questions.
- Exchange ideas.

If you have printed programs of past events, party favors, posters, pictures, scrapbooks, and so forth, will you bring them with you or send them to me not later

than July 5? We would like to have a display of these items because ideas are always gleaned from exhibits of this kind.

Your state Guild counselor should have registration blanks for the National Guild House Party, if there are none in your church. Information as to cost, and so forth, should reach you shortly.

CONVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA

You are planning to attend the American Baptist Convention in Philadelphia the last of May? Good! I hope to be there, too. The National Council of American Baptist Women will have a booth where an appointment book will be kept. By referring to it we can make plans to meet each other. I love to talk about Guild and I covet every opportunity of meeting you and getting acquainted.

Woman's Day is Wednesday, May 29. It is hoped that those of you coming to the Convention will arrive in time for the programs of Woman's Day. There will be an opportunity for all of us to meet for a conference with Mrs. Raycroft. This conference will be held immediately following the morning program. Lunches may be purchased at Convention Hall and eaten in our conference rooms, thus saving time.

GUILD PROGRAM AT GREEN LAKE MISSIONS CONFERENCE

I was thrilled to hear Mrs. Walter F. Mueller, president of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Minnesota, at the board meetings of the National Council of American Baptist Women, report the plans of the Minnesota women for the Women's Hour at the National Missions Conference. This conference will be held from August 10 to 17, at Green Lake, Wisconsin. One of the hours is to be devoted to a program on Guild, and will conclude with the conferring of the Rose Degree upon two Minnesota girls. If you are planning on attending Missions Conference, don't miss this program. Tell others who are going to the conference about the Guild program and urge them to attend the Women's Hour. This will be a fruitful opportunity for many who do not have Guild chapters in their churches to learn some of the areas covered by our program.

WANTED

The National Council of American Baptist Women is preparing a filmstrip, picturing all areas of its work. If you have a very good slide showing your Guild in some activity, would you be willing to part with it? This must be an original slide. If you take pictures, perhaps you would be willing to take a picture—or two—for me, noting what the slide is about, where it was taken and identifying those in the picture. Could I have your slide not later than May 1?

THANK YOU

My appreciation to you for the letters and pictures you have sent in reply to my request for news for *Missions* magazine! They are positive assurance that Guild is moving ahead.

To the Recording Secretaries

From: ZETA THAYER (Mrs. Dean H. Thayer)

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National Recording Secretary

National Council of American
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Attention Town and Country Friends:

Isn't it wonderful to live in the country? I am the wife of a farmer in a state where the majority of our churches might be considered *town* or *country* churches. Perhaps this is the reason that I was chosen to be the chairman of the town and country committee of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

PURPOSE OF THIS COMMITTEE

No doubt you are saying, "What's this doing here? Into whose workbook should this column go? We have no counterpart for such a chairmanship in our state, association or church organization!"

When you learn the purpose of this committee we feel sure you will not consider us an "orphan" committee. Our constant aim is to keep before the Council the needs of our smaller groups, especially those in the small town and country churches. We, therefore, direct this column—with its hints and helps—to the state presidents, association presidents and presidents of the smaller societies. We shall be sharing this space in alternate issues of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* with "helps and hints" for recording secretaries.

PROGRESS THUS FAR

We now have

- Constitutions for a society numbering six to twenty-five members, showing how the small society can be organized and can put into practice the suggestions coming from national, state and association officers and chairmen.
- Programs on the current theme—printed each month in *Missions* magazine—which can be used in a small group.
- Every officer and chairman in the National Council of American Baptist Women committed to keep your needs in mind when preparing new materials.
- The state presidents seeking to help each Woman's Society to organize along the pattern suggested by our National Council of American Baptist Women.
- Association presidents in many states assuming the responsibility of trying to reach every woman's group in every American Baptist church.

To the Chairman of Publicity

From: WAKA DANNENHAUER

(Mrs. Kenneth Dannenhauer)

National Chairman of Publicity
National Council of American
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nue, Spring Garden 5, Rhode
Island



Greetings:

During my childhood in Seattle, Washington, the state of Rhode Island was very hazy in my mind. Now that I've lived in the state for eleven years I know Rhode Island is definitely on the map.

Our home is a few miles south of Providence in a city of about 50,000—considered, a few years ago, the fastest growing city of its size in the country.

My husband is pastor of a seven-year-old church—extension church, and last Christmas Eve we worshiped for the first time in our lovely new chapel.

Mark Allen, our eight-year-old Cub Scout, who lacks neither in imagination, conversation nor repartee, completes our family.

BUT WE'RE RELATED, TOO!

Yes, we who work as chairmen of Publicity are related: related through our common task of letting the public know what women in the church are doing, and how they are witnessing for Christ. Ours is also the task of seeking ways by which others will want to share in a fellowship where women actively contribute to the ministry of the church.

Through these columns on Publicity—which will appear in alternate issues—it is my hope that our work can be strengthened and our outreach widened.

"THE PROGRAM AND THE PUBLIC"

"The Program and the Public" is the title of a section found on pages 47-48 of *You Can Be A Leader*, a booklet prepared by the National Council of American Baptist Women. On these pages are suggestions for personalizing your work, using available news channels, writing a news story, and making your publicity attractive.

Aids worthy of your attention are:

You Can Be A Leader. Price, 50 cents. Order from your nearest Baptist bookstore: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash.

The Church Communicates. A two-fold leaflet with questions and answers. Free. Order from the Department of Communications, American Baptist Convention, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. So

You've Been Elected Publicity Chairman! Free. Order from the Occidental Life Insurance Company, 1151 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, Calif.

What Do They Think Of Us? A Handbook of Public Relations and Publicity for Church Women's Organizations. Price, 25 cents. Order from The Women's Guild, Evangelical and Reformed Church, 2969 West 25th Street, Cleveland 13, Ohio.

MAY I HAVE YOUR HELP?

Part of my work as the national chairman of Publicity is to publicize the activities and matters of interest pertaining to the National Council of American Baptist Women. Heretofore, such information has been channeled most cooperatively through the denominational press and our state chairmen of publicity. May I now count upon *you* to present the following items to the women in your state, association, local society?

1. Sixth Annual Woman's Day, Convention Hall, Philadelphia, May 29, 1957, 9:45 A. M. Emphasis: "The Christian Home."

9:45-11:45 A. M. Annual meeting. Speaker, Mrs. Clarence Nelson, Washington, D. C. Also, Love Gift presentation and offering; business; election of officers. 12:00-2:15 P. M. Box lunch and conferences.

2:30-4:00 P. M. Program: "Living Is a Family Affair," dramatic sketches which "will show His presence in the daily lives of a family group."

2. Fourth National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 13-20. Leadership will include: Dr. James R. Branton, professor, New Testament Interpretation, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Bible study; Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, associate executive secretary, Division of Christian Life and Work, National Council of Churches, Open Forum; Mrs. Victor O. Wik, Des Moines, Iowa, Vespers; Mrs. T. Lloyd Hendricks, New Castle, Indiana, Song Leader.

3. National Pin. The Council's pin in gold, blue and white reproduces the Council's seal. Price, \$1.25 plus tax. Available at Baptist bookstores.

4. Historical Data. Send to Mrs. Walter O. Harvey, 19 Wellesley Road, Holyoke, Mass., data pertaining to the beginning of Baptist women's work: minutes, letters, pictures or personal recollections.

5. News Briefs. We'd like to make our column in *Crusader* more "newsy." When you've experienced an exciting event, program or project, or entertained some outstanding person, please send a *brief* account to Miss Constance Shaw, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., by the twenty-fifth of the month.

MAY I HEAR FROM YOU?

If you have a sample or copy of some piece of publicity such as a flyer, an invitation, a display or gimmick which has proved particularly effective, won't you please send it to me for use in our Woman's Day conference, in Philadelphia, May 29. Also please let me know of any good coverage by newspapers, radio or TV.

May our vision be clearer, our wisdom increased and our concern deepened as we seek to serve in His name.

SUCCESS STORIES

From time to time we shall publish stories in our column, telling how some of the small groups—in spite of size—function and what success they have attained.

MRS. C. R. RONGLEY, of South Dakota, has furnished us with the following stories:

STAR PRAIRIE Baptist Woman's Society, Clearfield, South Dakota, with a membership of fourteen, entertained the women's societies from Witten, Winner, Rosebud Vallen and Dixon Baptist churches. Sixty-eight were present. The closest church, Witten, is 22 miles away; Dixon is 41 miles, over dirt and gravel roads. The program featured one of our South Dakota interpreters who spoke on the Philippines. Each year one of these small societies entertains the others. These churches are rarely able to have a missionary speaker, but they all carry a full program of women's work.

VIBORG, South Dakota, has a Woman's Society with 25 members. A birthday party was held and the entire church was invited. The offering was sent to the Baptist Missionary Training School.

TRAIL CITY, South Dakota, organized according to the National Council of American Baptist Women, has 11 members, which includes the pastor, the Rev. Jeanie K. Sherman, and her assistant, June Schafner from Timber Lake. Their Love Gift last year was \$22.70. They filled their White Cross quota *plus* a box to Mather; sent quilt pieces to Saddle Mountain Mission; a clothing box to Indian Center at Rapid City; paid for the church bulletins for three months; paid for the insurance on the church; sent five dollars to Murrow Children's Home, and presented a personal gift of twenty-five dollars to their pastor. Mrs. Leonard Wilson, missionary in Nicaragua, comes from this church. This group read 260 books last year!

"I believe," states Mrs. Rongley, "this reading—*being informed*—is one of the secrets which explains the achievements of the women in Trail City's Woman's Society. In the past several years this group and the one at Timber Lake have received the cup given for reading by the South Dakota Council of American Baptist Women. They are always in attendance at association, state and national meetings. Being informed prompts them to share and to share gladly."

MRS. W. F. MUELLER, state president of Minnesota, writes: "Battlelake, one of our smallest churches, with a membership of only 32, and only 14 members in the Woman's Society, has reorganized under the National Council of American Baptist Women, and although skeptical at first, is now enthusiastic about it.

WE NEED YOU! YOU NEED US!

Now can't you see we are not an "orphan" committee? We're here to help you. We need your help. Write us your needs. We want you to know that *all* American Baptist women belong to the National Council of American Baptist Women.

